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REV. JOE ABRAMS

Joe Abrams Accepts Training Union Post Was Pastor At Shuqualak Highly Commended By Former Pastor

Among Baptists all over Mississippi the announcement by State Training Union Secretary, A. J. Wilds, that Joe Abrams, Shuqualak pastor, has accepted the call to serve as associate in the Training Union department has brought unqualified approval.

Dr. J. D. Franks, pastor at Columbus, First Baptist Church, under whose ministry Joe Abrams was ordained, has made a statement, enthusiastically commending the new worker to all Mississippi Baptist churches, and urging them to call upon him to visit in their midst. Dr. Franks, in speaking of his long and intimate association with the young minister said in part:

"Joe Abrams has done a good work in every position he has occupied in the life of the churches, whether as a lay-member in the ranks, Training Union leader, Sunday School teacher and worker, Brotherhood president, deacon, associational leader, or pastor. He has a well-rounded experience touching the total life of the church, which eminently qualifies him, to serve the churches of Mississippi acceptably, understandingly and well."

Originally, Joe Abrams was employed by the Columbus Commercial Dispatch. During that time he gave every hour outside of his job, to work in the church at Columbus, and in nearby churches. In a tribute to him, Birney Imes, publisher of the paper said in part:

Joe has something more than an amazing skill, speed and accuracy in the operation of a linotype. He has character of the highest order. He is loyal and faithful and devoted to every trust. He is dependable and trustworthy, and as an employee of the composing room of the Commercial Dis-

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Convention Program Released

Sessions Begin May 15, Last Service Sunday Night, May 19

"Widening Reach and Heightened Power" will be the theme of the 1946 Southern Baptist Convention, which meets at Miami, Florida, according to the program suggested by the program committee composed of Dr. R. C. Campbell, South Carolina; Dr. J. Howard Williams, Texas; Dr. Hight C. Moore, North Carolina; Miss Blanche Sydnor White, Virginia; Dr. H. G. Lindsay, Florida and Dr. C. Roy An-

gall, Florida.

The Convention will begin at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, May 14. Three sessions will be held on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Morning and evening sessions are scheduled for Saturday and afternoon and evening sessions are planned on Sunday.

The Convention will adjourn at the close of the Sunday evening session.

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Missionary Elizabeth Hale And Chinese Colleagues



(Seated left to right): Missionary Elizabeth Hale, Shanghai; Mrs. Zung; Mrs. Chang Hou Chi, wife of the pastor; woman who cleans the church once a week. (Standing): Mr. Zung; Pastor Chang Hou Chi; the pastor's father.

Missionary Who Refused Repatriation En Route Home

Miss Elizabeth Hale who remained in Shanghai during the Japanese war, despite repeated warnings to leave, is now on her way to the United States.

Miss Hale, a graduate of Westhampton College, Richmond, Virginia, and of the W.M.U. Training School was appointed as a missionary to China in 1934.

When the remainder of the Southern Baptist missionaries were repatriated from China in 1943, Miss Hale insisted on remaining in Shanghai. Other missionaries would have remained, despite the insistence of the Government and the Foreign Mission Board that they return to this country, but for the fact that their presence during Japanese occupancy would have imperiled Chinese Christians.

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JAPANESE CHRISTIANS HELP — Japanese Christians, living in the New York area, are raising a fund of \$5,000 which will be forwarded to the American Bible Society as their share in \$600,000 needed for furnishing Scriptures to Japan. The Society has received requests from Japan for 100,000 Bibles and 2,500,000 Testaments in Japanese.

Jones County Plans To Bring 150 Men To Brotherhood Meet Interest In Convention Shown Throughout State

President Bunk Jordan and the men of the Jones County Associational Brotherhood plan to bring 150 representatives to the state Brotherhood Convention, which meets in the First Baptist Church, Jackson, April 1-2. They have even gone so far as to challenge the men of Jackson to have as many present from the local city churches as they bring from the Laurel area.

It is already felt by the leaders of state Brotherhood work that the original goal of 500 men in attendance at the Convention is too small.

Crowder Church, 170 miles from Jackson, plans to bring ten men. The Bowmar Avenue, Vicksburg, Brotherhood plans to come on Monday night in a body. Reservations are being made from all parts of the state.



EARL WALDRUP

Mississippian Joins Sunday School Board Staff

Earl Waldrup was recently elected secretary of Visual Education Service of the Baptist Sunday School Board. He began work with the Sunday School Board on March 4.

Mr. Waldrup was born and reared in Mississippi; graduated from the high school at New Carrollton, received the B.A. degree from Mississippi College; the Master of Religion Education from Southwestern Seminary; and has completed the required resi-

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DR. D. W. HUDGINS

DR. W. DOUGLAS HUDGINS TAKES JACKSON CHURCH

Will Begin Pastorate At First Church, April 7

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins has accepted the call of First Church, Jackson. He comes from the pastorate of the First Church, Houston, Texas, where he has been since November, 1942. Dr. Hudgins is one of the outstanding young ministers of the south, and his coming to the strategic position in the capital city is heralded with pleasure.

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CONVENTION PROGRAM RELEASED

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The program follows:
Convention Theme: "Widening Reach and Heightened Power."

Wednesday, May 15 Morning Session

- 10:00—Song, Scripture and Prayer.
B. B. McKinney, Director of Music during Convention.
- 10:10—Secretary's Report on Registration.
- 10:15—Order of Business—R. C. Campbell, chairman.
- 10:20—Address of Welcome—C. H. Bolton, President, Florida Baptist State Convention.
- 10:30—Response—F. C. McConnell.
- 10:40—Address of President—Pat M. Neff.
- 11:10—Appointment of Committee on Committees and Committee on Resolutions—Pat M. Neff.
- 11:15—Recognition of Fraternal Messengers and Visitors.
- 11:40—Music.
- 11:45—Convention Sermon: "Christ's Claimant Call"—J. W. Storer, or Ralph A. Herring, Alternate.
- 12:30—Adjournment.

Afternoon Session

- 2:00—Song, Scripture, and Prayer.
- 2:10—Miscellaneous Business.
- 2:20—Executive Committee—Austin Crouch, Executive Secretary, retiring; Duke K. McCall, incoming.
- 3:30—Evangelism—W. H. Knight, Chm.
- 4:00—Revision of Constitution and By-Laws—L. E. Barton, Chairman.
- 4:30—Adjournment.

Evening Session (Centennial Session)

- 7:30—Music.
Scripture Reading (Psalm 100) and Prayer—J. L. White.
- 8:00—"The Work We Sought To Do, and Did Begin"—Lous D. Newton.
- 8:40—Special Music.
- 8:50—"Carry On With 'Widening Reach and Heightened Power'"—W. R. White.
- 9:20—Film: "The Romance of a Century"—J. E. Dillard, writer of the script.
- 10:05—Adjournment.

THURSDAY, MAY 16

Morning Session

- 9:00—Song, Scripture, and Prayer.
- 9:10—Journal.
- 9:20—Southern Baptist Hospital—Louis J. Bristow, Superintendent.
- 9:40—Relief and Annuity Board—Thos. J. Watts, Executive Secretary.
- 10:40—Statement of Principles—Ellis A. Fuller, Chairman.
- 11:00—Sunday School Board—T. L. Holcomb, Executive Secretary-Treasurer.
- 12:00—"Widening Reach and Heightened Power" in the Pulpit—C. Oscar Johnson.
- 12:30—Adjournment.

Afternoon Session

- 2:00—Song, Scripture, and Prayer.
- 2:10—Miscellaneous Business.
- 2:20—Baptist Papers—Finley W. Tinnin, Chairman.
- 2:40—Baptist Papers' Circulation Campaign—Louie D. Newton, Chm.
- 3:00—American Bible Society—Thomas T. Holloway, Field Secretary.
- 3:10—Baptist History—W. O. Carver, Chairman.
- 3:30—W. M. U. Work—Mrs. Goe. R. Martin, Chairman.
- 4:10—Election of Officers.
- 4:30—Adjournment.

Evening Session

- 7:30—Song, Scripture, and Prayer.
- 7:45—Foreign Mission Board—M. T. Rankin, Executive Secretary.
- 9:00—Special Music.
- 9:05—"Widening Reach and Heightened Power" in Foreign Missions—Charles E. Maddy, (Executive Secretary 1933-1944).
- 9:35—Adjournment.

FRIDAY, MAY 17

Morning Session

- 9:00—Song, Scripture, and Prayer.
- 9:10—Journal.
- 9:20—Committees to Report 1947—Report of Session Committee.
- 9:30—Time, Place, and Preacher, 1947—
- 9:35—Calendar of Co-ordinated Denominational Activities—W. Morris Ford, Chairman.
- 9:50—Education Commission—Charles D. Johnson, Chairman.
- 10:15—Negro Ministerial Education—Ryland Knight, Chairman.
- 10:35—American Baptist Theological Seminary—E. P. Alldredge, Chairman of Commission.
- 10:55—Baptist Bible Institute—Duke K. McCall, Retiring President.
- 11:15—Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary—E. D. Head, President.
- 11:35—Southern Baptist Theological Seminary—Ellis A. Fuller, President.
- 11:55—Special Music.
- 12:00—"Widening Reach and Heightened Power" in Christian Education—E. D. Head.
- 12:30—Adjournment.

Afternoon Session

- 2:00—Song, Scripture, and Prayer.
- 2:10—Miscellaneous Business.
- 2:20—Resolutions—Report of Session Committee.
- 2:30—Luther Rice Memorial—W. S. Broke, Chairman.
- 2:40—Nomination of Boards—J. Dean Crain, Chairman.
- 2:55—Public Relations—E. Hilton Jackson, Chairman.
- 3:15—Social Service Commission—J. B. Weatherspoon, Chairman.
- 3:45—World Peace—J. M. Dawson, Chairman.
- 4:10—Report of Radio Committee—S. F. Lowe, Chairman.
- 4:30—Adjournment.

Evening Session

- 7:30—Song, Scripture, and Prayer.
- 7:45—Home Mission Board—J. B. Lawrence, Executive Secretary.
- 9:00—"Widening Reach and Heightened Power" in Home Missions—J. B. Lawrence.
- 9:30—Adjournment.

SATURDAY, MAY 18

Morning Session

- 9:30—Song, Scripture, and Prayer.
- 9:45—Journal.
- 9:55—Miscellaneous Business.
- 10:10—Commission to Cooperate with Returning Chaplains—L. L. Carpenter, Chairman.
- 10:30—Memorial Service (15 minutes each)
J. T. Henderson—F. F. Brown.
Mrs. F. W. Armstrong—Miss Kathleen Mallory.
L. R. Scarbrough—R. C. Campbell.
George W. Truett—W. R. White.
- 11:30—"Widening Reach and Heightened Power" in World Redemption—Robert G. Lee.
- 12:30—Adjournment.

Afternoon Session

Recreation and Sight-Seeing under direction of Local Committee.

Evening Session

- 7:30—Song, Scripture, and Prayer.
- 8:00—Baptist Brotherhood of the South—Lawson H. Cooke, General Secretary.
- 9:00—Address—"Widening Reach and Heightened Power" in Baptist Brotherhood—
- 9:30—Adjournment.

SUNDAY, MAY 19

Morning

Services in Miami Churches under direction of Local Committee.

Afternoon Session

- 3:00—Song, Scripture, and Prayer.
- 3:30—"Widening Reach and Heightened Power" in Making Disciples—W. A. Criswell.
- 4:00—"Widening Reach and Heightened Power" in Teaching Them—J. D. Grey.
- 4:30—Adjournment.

Evening Session

- 6:45—Song, Scripture, and Prayer.
- 7:00—Baptist Training Union—J. E.

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by those who have known him thru the years. He succeeds the beloved Dr. W. A. Hewitt, pastor emeritus, who has done a monumental work, and who is welcoming the young pastor to a church free of debt, missionary-minded, and unified in fellowship, facing a future bright with promise.

Dr. Hudgins has welcomed 1,779 members to his church at Houston, and the Training Unions and Sunday School grew tremendously under his leadership. In the financial realm, \$142,279 has been applied on the indebtedness of the church. The 1946 budget of \$125,000 has been oversubscribed the first six months.

Dr. Hudgins serves in the following outside his own church: Member of

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patch he was a stabilizing and wholesome influence. He enjoyed the esteem and respect of all of his associates.

There isn't a finer character on earth than Joe Abrams. His consecrated Christian life, his high ideals and his lofty principles have endeared him to all who have come under the influence and the benediction of his life.

This tribute is paid to Joe Abrams by his former employer, a deserved tribute which comes out of years of close and intimate association in the every-day relations of life in a busy and bustling daily newspaper plant.

At Artesia and Mt. Vernon churches he did an outstanding work in his first field, as pastor. At Shuqualak, he has also done a fine work. In every place, however, the Training Union has been the channel through which he envisioned the marvelous opportunity to help people grow into the right kind of Kingdom servants. He was director of B.T.U. at Columbus, First, where he led them to reach an all-time high. He has been the Training Union director in his own association, promoting the work within his reach with singular success, and proving his genuine interest in training.

With the coming of this new associate, the results in the Training Union Department will doubtless show increasing effectiveness, and Secretary Wilds and the other helpers are to be congratulated on the coming of Joe Abrams. Mrs. Abrams is the former Lillian Stinson, and since they own their home in Columbus, the family will remain there for the present, while he promotes the work in the entire state.

Lambdin, Secretary.

8:00—Special Music.

8:10—"Widening Reach and Heightened Power" in Baptist Student Union Work—Robert S. Denny.

8:30—"Widening Reach and Heightened Power" in Sunday School and Training Union Work—W. F. Powell.

9:00—Final Adjournment.

And may the men always ready, as the years come and go, to carry on, with widening reach and heightened power, the work we sought to do, and did begin! . . . Dr. John A. Broadus (Closing sentence in his "Memoir of James P. Boyce")

R. C. Campbell, South Carolina, Chairman.

J. Howard Williams, Texas.

Hight C. Moore, North Carolina.
Miss Blanche Sydnor White, Virginia.

H. G. Lindsay, Florida.

C. Roy Angell, Florida.

Committee on Order of Business

the Executive Board of the Baptist General Convention, Member of the Board of Trustees of Mary Hardin-Baylor College, Belton, Texas; Member of the Board of Trustees of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. The following outside responsibilities are of a local nature: Member of the Sam Houston Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America; Member of the Kiwanis Club; Member of the Board of Directors of the Baptist Memorial Hospital, Houston, Texas; chairman of several committees among the local Baptist Pastors of the city.

Dr. Hudgins said he wanted to accept First Church, Jackson, because of "the deep conviction that it is the Lord's Will."

The son of the late W. D. Hudgins who for many years was Sunday School Secretary in Tennessee, Dr. Hudgins was educated at Carson-Newman College (Tenn.) and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

In coming to Jackson, Dr. Hudgins will serve one of the largest churches in the Southern Baptist Convention. He will be succeeding some great pastors—Dr. W. H. Sproles, Dr. W. F. Yarborough, Dr. W. A. Borum and Dr. W. A. Hewitt.

Not only will Dr. Hudgins have a great church, but the building has been described as "a poem in stone."

Closing his Houston ministry on March 31, Dr. Hudgins plans to begin his pastorate in Jackson on April 7.

When Dr. Hudgins resigned as pastor of the First Church, Houston, the church adopted resolutions of thanks and appreciation for his ministry and congratulations to the First Church, Jackson, upon securing such an outstanding pastor.

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dent work for the M.A. degree at Baylor University, having majored in English and Bible in both college and seminary.

Though Mr. Waldrup is an ordained minister, as he pursued his college and seminary training he felt definitely led to dedicate himself in service in the field of Religious Education. Some three years ago he was further led to choose the field of Visual Aids in Religious Education and has since devoted himself largely to preparation for service along this line.

Mr. Waldrup is a young man of good habits; neat appearance, pleasing personality, much native ability, attained accomplishments and sterling character. We take pleasure in presenting Mr. Waldrup to the denomination as Secretary of Visual Education Service.

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Dr. F. F. Brown, pastor of First Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tennessee, has resigned his church effective May 1, 1946. Dr. Brown is retiring from the active ministry on account of his health. He served his present pastorate 25 years. The church accepted his resignation with regret, and has voted that Dr. Brown be elected Pastor-Emeritus to become effective upon his resignation as pastor.

Rev. L. G. Whitcomb, pastor Matthews Memorial church, Pine Bluff, Arkansas, is the author of a booklet, HELL, ETERNITY'S DUMPING GROUND. It is an interesting discussion of Hell and the inhabitants of Hell. The price is 20c per copy.

Mississippi Baptists--Your Secretary Says: "Love Never Fails," 1 Cor. 13:8

"We preach Christ Crucified." 1 Corinthians 1:23.

STEWARDSHIP CONFERENCES

HATTIESBURG—Main Street Baptist Church, Tuesday, March 19th — 2:30 p. m. — 9:05 p. m.

NEWTON — First Baptist Church, Wednesday, March 20th — 10:00 a. m. — 4:10 p. m.

GREENWOOD—First Baptist Church, Thursday, March 21st—2:30 p. m. — 9:05 p. m.

CORINTH—First Baptist Church, Friday, March 22nd — 2:30 p. m.—9:05 p. m.

We Go Out To Practice Christian Stewardship!

Association Moderators' and Clerks' Meeting — Jackson, Baptist Building, Monday, April 1st — 10:00 a. m. - 4:00 p. m.

Brotherhood Convention, Jackson, Monday evening, Tuesday morning Apr. 1-2.

I.

It is easy sometimes to get the idea that the Kingdom and the Church depend upon one person or one thing. We realize the value of spiritual things to the point that we are not only willing but anxious to turn every corner, to pull every string and take advantage of every asset along spiritual lines in promoting the work of Christ. We do not believe His work depends upon any one person or any one thing. For two or three years we put out the financial association charts. They helped certainly, but the Kingdom did not depend upon them. For a year or two we have not had office help sufficient to do this thing, and yet Mississippi Baptists continued in a greater financial support to all the work of Christ. This notwithstanding the fact that an occasional brother suggested the charts as being indispensable. It strikes us that we should give Jesus a great deal of the credit for success in His work.

II.

We appreciate the many verbal and written compliments regarding the recent Evangelistic Conference. We had hoped it would be climactic and, along with others, we believe it was just that! The brethren, generally, do not realize the repeated demands of individuals for announcements and presentations that would have taken time, and in many instances would have been a distraction. For our part we have steadfastly held to the idea that this was an Evangelistic Conference, and our poor talents have been exercised in the intent that the spirit should be intensive, aggressive, and concentrated along spiritual lines. The brethren expressing themselves to us have felt the same way. They may change it when they get ready, but we have no idea of changing it on our own part. It is a spiritual tonic needed by all of us.

III.

We were asked, "Specifically, what do you expect to come from the Evangelistic Conference?" That is a good question and deserves an answer. Certainly, more and better evangelistic preaching should result. It promoted Christian fellowship and harmony in Mississippi Baptist life. It increased spirituality. More of us will actually engage in soul-winning and do it better. Many of our churches will be more evangelistic in spirit and in action. This means all-year-round evangelism, as well as more and better revival services. It should increase our appetite for the five extra association revival services promoted jointly by State Missions and the association. It should mean more prayer for the lost. It should result in an increase by several thousand in baptisms this year. The Bible should be studied more with evangelism and soul-winning in mind. The spirit of compassion for the lost should be increased within all of us.

IV.

Baptists will stay strong in the ways of soul-winning or they will become just another denomination. The Jews thought because they were the chosen people they could "do anything and get by with it." History records the result of such fatalism. We have heard some Baptist leaders in effect say the same thing, namely, because Baptists are the people of Christ they can do anything, and get by with it! It would really be a spiritual tragedy to record again the fruit of such fatalism. Are your people evangelistic the year round? Are they compassionate as they pray at prayer meeting, on Sunday and in between for the lost? Is the spirit leading as they study the Bible for refreshing truth to present to lost men? Is the pulpit on fire with fervor for winning lost people? Are the deacons soul-winners? Does the membership visit in the interest of winning the lost to Christ? Is the preacher primarily a soul-winner? Do we write letters presenting Christ to the lost? Do we distribute gospels and evangelistic tracts to the lost? Are we making elaborate preparations for one, two, or three special soul-winning campaigns in our church this year? Do you seriously think Christ is pleased with the spirit of evangelism and the practice of soul-winning in the church to which you belong and for which He died? Proverbs 11:30. Daniel 12:2-3. Isaiah 66:20. John 1:41-42.

We have those strange church members in our midst who feel there is nothing to do. Nothing to do with 700,000 lost people all around us in Mississippi! Nothing to do when 81% of the young people in Mississippi between the ages of five and seventeen years are not in anybody's Sunday School. That means 482,621 boys and girls in Mississippi between the ages of five and seventeen years are not in Sunday School.

V.

When the people of Christ, preachers and laymen, men and women, come to look upon personal hatreds as spiritual people now look upon lying, stealing, drunkenness and such like the churches of our Lord will gain in Christian testimony, and in spiritual power. The incessant strife in some churches, and the constant bickering in some areas of denominational life make mighty good chatter for the world, the flesh and the devil. Gossip, backbiting, fault-

finding and such like are nowhere listed among the choice traits of God's men and women. Little talk and cheap words surely hinder prayer life, evangelism and spiritual progress as do other fruits on the tree of sin. "Every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned." (Matthew 12:36-37). These words are still in the Bible! They are still the saying of Jesus. He said to some professionally religious people long ago, "How can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." (Matthew 12:34.) The Spirit of God can and does regenerate and transform our speech and language along with the entire person.

VI.

We heard a preacher say, "What one gives to missions is spent, and then gone." It is amazing how little and short we are in our thinking sometimes. For instance, mission monies go into the preaching of the gospel with the result that several thousand turn to Christ each year. Is that money "gone" when there are several thousand saved souls and transformed lives serving Christ for many years as a result of the fact that somebody obeyed Jesus and believed the Bible?

On the other hand, a man keeps and hoards his monies in stocks and bonds. The day of collapse comes when he loses part, or all of it. Then, it is "gone" indeed! Again, the holder of the money dies, leaving it in a safety deposit box or in a bank. He is far away from that money and it is "gone" indeed.

May we ask, what course are you following?

VII.

Some days before this writing we turned over to Mississippi College a check for \$55,000, the receipts mostly from Jackson, in the Enlargement Campaign. About the same time in two or three checks we sent a few thousand dollars to Clarke Memorial College. With these later checks we sent a detailed list of donors. When we received contributions for a designated object in an institution we naturally list the distribution to the institution that the contribution may be properly applied. This office is ready at all times to furnish needed information to individuals and institutions. Second, we repeat an often extended invitation to pastors, treasurers and our Baptist folks generally to drop by the bookkeeping department and become familiar with our system of handling the money in the work of Christ channeled through this office.

Incidentally, the flow of visitors through the Baptist Building continues daily, and the names of these visitors continue filling the pages of our lovely register. We invite church groups as well as individuals to visit the Baptist Building.

VIII.

CONGRATULATIONS

We recently saw a two-page spread in a Greenville paper setting forth twenty year successes on the part of England Motor Company, Mr. Frank England, president and founder. Among other things about it our interest centered in the fact that Mr. John D. Davis, vice-president, treasurer and founder is the very splendid president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. We congratulate these men and all their associates. We congratulate the entire Greenville territory upon having such an outstanding firm in their midst. They handle Ford, Mercury and Lincoln automobiles.

IX.

PRAYER THE MIGHTIEST FORCE IN THE WORLD by Laubach and published by Revell is a new volume just off the press. Order from your Book Store; price \$1.25.

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ATTENTION! PASTORS -- LAYMEN!

Pertinent questions answered regarding the Retirement Plan:

(1) If a member leaves the Baptist ministry he is eligible to return his certificate for cancellation and receive his accumulations. If he is just without work for a period of time, but has not left the ministry, then he is to leave the accumulations in the fund and take up the payment of dues again when he does secure another pastorate. His accumulations are never lost to him. They are either paid to him in an annuity upon reaching age 65 and retiring, or to his family in case of his death.

(2) The plan is based on participation from the date a minister is eligible to the date of retirement. It is not calculated on just 25 years of participation. We merely take 25 years of salary and service as a basis of calculating the annuities. We have decided on the 25 years from 40 to age 65 in case of members entering the plan before age 40 merely because this seems to give members the best average salary basis. If a minister is eligible for participation and delays entering the plan then we calculate his annuity just as if he had come in promptly, but that amount must be reduced by the amount of annuity the unpaid dues from the date of eligibility to the date he entered the plan would have produced had he entered the plan when he was first eligible. Some members will not have to pay as long as others to receive the same amount of annuity, but all receive more than their money will buy. It has been estimated that if a member enters the plan at age 21 and continues until age 65 he will have provided one-half of his annuity by his own payments. We must keep in mind that this is a brotherhood plan and the group fund, which is made up of the church and convention dues is heavily drawn upon in the case of members who do not have many years to participate before retiring. These older men are the men who have built up the churches and strengthened the salaries for the younger men who may have to pay longer.

(3) In the calculation of annuities, we first determine the average salary

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Something New

Over in that delightful little Delta city of Clarksdale, we have read of something that may be "new under the sun." When the city bus system was started there, recently, the managers made an introductory offer to carry the children from pre-school age through the high school groups free, to attend their favorite churches on Sunday.

The company has announced it will continue this plan through February and March. The only requirement is that the person bring a Bible, a prayer book, a catechism, or something to show that he is on his way to the church of his choice.

Not only does the company take the children free, but they declare they will add another bus if necessary to handle the traffic enroute to Sunday School and church.

The city of Clarksdale and its churches are to be congratulated on having managers and owners in charge of their bus system who carry into business their emphasis upon important matters. Such firms are truly an asset to civilization of the right kind.

Writers Wanted

Recently several people have asked for advice concerning the calling of a pastor. Advice is one thing with which we are generous. A few days ago we heard of a speech made by Dr. J. P. Wall, deacon in the First Church, Jackson, in which he listed three things he wanted in his pastor—which were very good. Coming from a busy professional man they showed fine insight into the needs of that group. No doubt there are many good Baptists throughout Mississippi who have some ideas about calling a pastor—the proper procedure—finding the right man—the qualifications the pastor should have.

We shall be glad for any who will write some short articles on this subject, not over two double-spaced typewritten pages. We cannot promise to publish all of them but will use as many as possible. It may be necessary to condense or

combine.

The three best articles received by May first will be awarded a prize of a good religious book.

There Are No Little Churches

A recent visitor in talking about his church constantly referred to it as our "LITTLE" church.

There are no little churches. Every church looms large in the sight of God. Jesus made the same award to the two-talent man that he did to the five-talent man.

It was a so-called little church that sent forth Dr. George W. Truett. The same is true of Dr. M. E. Dodd. Charles Spurgeon was converted in a little church.

Any church has great possibilities and the word little may describe the size of the church building or the number of members, but not the Church.

And it is poor psychology to say, "Our little church". Prospective members will not be attracted by such talk. A better term would be "Our Church."

New Form Of Rationing Suggested

Many Mississippians will heartily endorse the suggestion of the American Business Men's Research Foundation that if Americans are to eat dark bread and use less meat, eggs, poultry and milk (in order to help feed starving Europeans) a ration book be issued for the purchase of all grain-made beverages such as beer, ale, and whiskey, the production of which will reduce the production and quantity of essential foods.

The proposed ration plan is outlined in the telegram sent to Hon. Clinton P. Anderson, Secretary of Agriculture, which follows:

Under recent directives of the Government the amount of grain the brewing and distilling industries are to be permitted to use is to be reduced. Since grain in important amounts will still be permitted them while America cheerfully converts from white to grey bread and denies itself meat, eggs poultry and milk, and poultry men, dairy men, farmers, millers, and the meat industry face a new battle for survival may we respectfully suggest that a new form of rationing be instituted. Certainly under the existing laws the individual has a right to choose between beer and eggs, ale and meat, whisky and milk, but his choice should not rob others. Suggest a ration book be issued for purchase of all grain-made beverages, including beer, ale and whisky, the consumption of which will reduce the production of essential foods, which should deny the holders of the ration card a portion of the eggs, butter, milk, beef, mutton, poultry and pork that the average American will find available in ensuing months. Of course where the applicant for a

drinking ration book is married, his application should bear the signature of the wife and all the children, for even if the government has the power and the intestinal fortitude to decide that beer is more desirable than milk and eggs for the family, the family should have some check on the government. It (the family) has no lobby in Washington, and as such makes no contributions to either political party, and has no member of any of the many bureaus of our nation's capitol.

American Business Men's
Research Foundation,
Fred D. L. Squires, Secretary.

What Shall We Expect?

Thinking back over the Evangelistic Conference, we ask this serious question: "What shall we expect from this meeting?" If the preachers who attended, who listened, who prayed and who resolved to be better Shepherds in 1946 are given cooperation in their churches, we may expect the greatest year in baptisms in our history.

If the preachers allow hard conditions to daunt them, we will be in worse condition than before. For the challenging calls that rang out must either be answered courageously, by those who heard, or the hearers will suffer loss! Might we say that Mississippi Baptists are at Kadesh-Barnea? Shall we look across into the promised land and weakly retreat? Or shall we say, "We are well able to take this state for the Master!"?

Debunking The Japanese Emperor Of Divinity

Two significant things have happened in Japan in recent weeks that deserve more than passing interest. They are (1) the separation of religion and state, and (2) the frank statement by the emperor that he is not endowed with divine attributes.

These two significant steps were taken by the Japanese government and the emperor on instructions by General MacArthur, who was acting on orders by the Big Three—United States, Great Britain and Russia.

An emperor accepted by his subjects as possessing divine attributes and a state-church are recognized by the three great nations that won World War II as a menace to world peace and to Christian civilization. Such a conception of a ruler as a god-man and such an unholy relation between state and church are as out-dated in our modern world as human slavery or witchcraft.

Since the Big Three have done so much for the world by debunking of the Japanese emperor of his divine attributes and the government of its unholy alliance with religion, the three great

powers would render an even greater service to humanity if they would go a step further and debunk the pope of his "divine power" and take the Catholic church off the bank of certain countries, such as Spain and Italy. The dangers to world peace presented by pre-war Japan are inherent in the cases of the pope and the Catholic-ruled countries in the post-war world.—The Baptist Message.

Selected Editorial

Each week we will publish what we consider one of the best editorials coming to our attention.—
Editor.

Where Pouring And Sprinkling Came From

The idea of pouring and sprinkling for baptism originated with Justin Martyr about A. D. 150. One hundred years later we have account of what they called clinic (couch) baptism. One by the name of Novation was sick unto death and wanted baptism, and being too ill to be carried to the church and immersed, tubs of water were poured upon him on his bed, thus immersing him.

About this time Tertullian was teaching baptismal regeneration, that there could be no regeneration without baptism and that the pouring of water (aspersion) upon the candidate's head answered the same as immersing him in the water.

In 1311 pouring a small quantity of water on the head became official Roman Catholic baptism, making it a symbol of cleansing instead as taught in Scripture a symbol of the Savior's death, burial and resurrection: not only changing the Scriptural mode, but the Scriptural design also. Baptistries where they immersed their candidates are still to be seen at the church of St. John in Lateran at Rome where many popes are buried, and at Florence and Pisa.

Some of these pools are of porphyry stone and most elaborate and beautiful. In showing you the one in connection with St. John in Lateran, long in disuse but retained because of its history, the custodian takes pleasure in telling you. "This is where Emperor Constantine was baptized."

When Martin Luther made his protest and led the Reformation, he brought the ordinance of baptism and the Lord's Supper as practiced by the Roman Catholics into the new order. Other denominations springing up after the Reformation, the English Episcopacy under Henry the VIII, Presbyterians under Calvin, Methodist under Wesley, and others of lesser prominence since then, have continued the practice of these ordinances as changed by the Roman Catholics.

The author of "See These Banners Go," traces the origin and history of the 12 major denominations usually classed as Protestants, says: "How old are the Baptist? Well, how old are the hills?" Baptists protested Romanism before Martin Luther was born, and during the Luther regime were persecuted by it. Their stand for freedom of the soul and conscience stamped them as heretics, and when

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they took the part of the people in the peasants war, Luther advised that they be "kicked down, strangled and stabbed without mercy," this author goes on to relate. Baptists are not and never have been Protestants.

Baptists never protested and came out of Catholicism for they have never been in. As Cardinal Gibbons when Bishop of North Carolina once said to R. W. Smith, his neighbor, a Baptist minister: "I know history. You Baptists are not Protestants. You have been at one end of the line and we Catholics at the other all down the centuries. If I were not a Catholic priest, I would be a Baptist preacher."

Baptists, you have a heritage and a history. Know your Bible. Know the doctrines and principles Scripturally founded, upon which as a Baptist you stand.

—Baptist Advance.

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MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE PARAGRAPHS

By D. M. NELSON, President.

Extensive traveling and other pressing activities have conspired to give the readers of this column a rest. Many have been the rich experiences of Dr. Gunter and the writer during the intermission as we have taken Mississippi College into the homes and business places and churches of our people. Everywhere we have been received most cordially with a warm fraternal spirit; and the response to our appeal has been most generous. Truly Mississippi Baptists are a great people and greatly interested in Mississippi College, their century-old Kingdom-building agency

Among the many things that have impressed us as we have traveled is the large place that individual Baptists are occupying in community affairs, and the splendid leadership and service which they are rendering in all worthwhile causes. Then, too, we are finding that the Lord is entrusting our people with more and more material possessions, which is an evidence of the practice of Christian stewardship. So many of them are putting to the test in the laboratory of experience the eternally true doctrine; "Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over." Since December Dr. Gunter and the writer have covered the state together seeking special gifts. What a joy and inspiration it has been to have this intimate fellowship and comradeship with this great soul! He is asking nothing but the privilege of serving a great Cause. He is giving his time and great talents in the interest of the greatest undertaking of Mississippi Baptists for any one institution. This could be said of hundreds of others—pastors, laymen, and noble women. With such devotion, success is assured.

Last week was a mountain-top experience for us. The Evangelistic Conference was here. Our friends were here in great numbers. The fellowship was inspiring and uplifting. The messages were thrilling and moving. Home talent compared favorably with visiting brethren in the excellency of content and presentation. We have found it a little difficult to get back down into the valley of every day affairs and responsibilities. Like Peter,



PROFESSOR E. N. ELSEY

Professor E. N. Elsey, head of Music Department, Mississippi College and minister of Music, Clinton Baptist Church, will direct the music at each of the Stewardship Conferences. In addition he will have special singers from Mississippi College. An effort will be made to present a real Stewardship of Song program. Those who plan to attend the Stewardship Conferences should plan to be on time and in time for this very helpful feature.

we have felt like continuing upon the mount.

March 4th saw the beginning of a new term. The capacity of the college is being taxed to provide housing and instructional facilities for the large number of students present. Up to date we have enrolled for the session 688. Of this number, 152 were Navy students, who left the latter part of October. This leaves an enrollment of civilian students alone of 536. We have present now in our dormitories, apartments, and dwellings, and in our classrooms, laboratories and library 458 students, made up of 297 boys and 161 girls. With 400 as the present normal capacity, it is evident that our facilities are bulging just a little. We haven't turned any away, nor is it within our present purpose so to do. WE ARE LOOKING TOWARD SEPTEMBER WITH SOME CONCERN. It would be tragic indeed to have to say to two or three hundred young people who want what Mississippi College has to give, "You can't enter here; we have no room for you." In those turned away there might be a potential Christian leadership that would jar the gates of empires from their hinges and direct the course of history toward righteousness and peace. The only way, it seems, to avoid this catastrophe is for our people to continue to give liberally and maybe sacrificially to provide the necessary funds and the increasing of our endowment adequately to support the enlarged program. Then, too, we need to be praying fervently for the speedy release of sufficient building material and labor for the construction of these desperately needed buildings. OUR SUCCESSES ARE NOW BECOMING RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR EMBARRASSMENT. THE NEED AND OPPORTUNITY HAVE MET. WHAT A GLORIOUS CHALLENGE! WE WILL NOT FAIL!

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Mrs. T. B. Stokes, Pike County, recently sent an additional list of subscriptions to one that had been sent previously.

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from age 40 to 65 if the member entered the plan before reaching age 40. Then, if he served after age 65 on a lesser salary we would not allow this lesser salary to reduce the average upon which the annuity is based, but if to consider his average salary for the 25 years ending with retirement would give him a larger annuity then we use the 25 years preceding retirement, thus giving the member the benefit of the larger average.

(4) Upon retirement a member may elect to take a lesser annuity in order to provide an annuity for his wife in case she survives him. After he has entered upon such an annuity then there can be no change. If his wife dies before he does, there is no change in his annuity and the annuity terminates with his death.

(5) If a pastor serves five years and, because of ill health or some reason beyond his control, must be out of the pastorate for five years and then re-enters the pastorate and continues to retirement age, we will say, if he has sufficient number of years to his credit to make up 25 years of service, then we will skip over the five years that he was out of the pastorate and give him credit for the 25 years. Of course, you will have in mind that this would certainly be a man who has prior service unless it is one who will have many years to serve before retirement. The annuity is based on years of service, and we do not require them to be consecutive service. However, of course, if a man leaves the pastorate to do some other work then that time would be considered.

Chaplains Available For Pastorates

Below we list the names, addresses, and information concerning several chaplains who are now available for pastorates.

The information given below was furnished by the Committee on Army and Navy Chaplains of the Home Mission Board.

James A. Ruffin, 47, Spot, North Carolina.

John D. Quick, 37, Carrollton, Texas, Box 115.

Oscar Lee Rives, 49, Gatlinburg, Tenn. Earold Donovan Giddens, 29, Corrigan, Texas.

Merle A. Mitchell, 37, Carrollton, Missouri.

Robert E. Stark, 40, 1911 Delaney St., Orlando, Florida.

Joseph K. Simmons 41, 321 West Kelberg Avenue, Kingsville, Texas.

Oryll A. Clarkston, 36, Rt. 2, Traveler's Rest, S. C.

Charles W. Duling, 39, 88-28th St., Huntington, W. Va.

J. Paul Clark, 41, 311 S. Mueller St., Bethany, Okla.

Carlton B. Ellis, 33, 705, Melba Ave., Gladewater, Texas.

Vertio C. Dameron, 31, Seminary Heights, Kansas City, Kansas.

Ernest L. Combes, 37, 725 N. 32nd Street, Kansas City 2, Kansas.

Kenneth E. Couch, 41, Princeton, Mo.

Urban A. Moss, 34, East Third St., Jackson, Ga.

Dezia D. Cash, 45, 1923 Spurgeon St., Fort Worth, Texas.

Roy A. Carley, 38, Box 987, Rosenberg, Texas.

Julius C. Watkins, 45, 5609 Victor St., Dallas 14, Texas.

Forrest G. Rodgers, 53, 711 Schmitz Street, Denton, Texas.

O. Afton Linger, 47, Blytheville, Ark., 911& West Walnut Street.

Robert W. Pratt, 30, care H. H. Kirtrell, Rt. 1, Rock, Kansas.

Ewell E. Crawford, 40, Lockney, Tex.

Ira B. McClung, 44, Kingstree, S. C.

Thomas E. Belcher, 42, Rt. 6, 100 Westview Ave., Greenville, S. C.

Clarence L. Hammond, 42, 1606 W. 5th street, Bend, Oregon.

Lewis M. Bratcher, Jr., 30, 414 Doncaster Avenue, Middlesboro, Ky.

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Toward old age: "Recognize the advancing age of a person less by the infirmity of the body than by the maturity of the soul." Happy is the youth who has as a best friend someone of mature years.—Frank Leavell in Baptist Student.

MISSISSIPPI CALENDAR OF PRAYER

March 18—R. E. Gardner, Convention Board Member, Jasper County; Miss Jennie Stevens, Trustee, Blue Mountain College

March 19—District Stewardship Conference at Hattiesburg; Harry Smallwood, Trustee, Baptist Orphanage.

March 20—District Stewardship Conference at Newton; Miss Emma Bridges, Grenada County Association B. T. U. Director.

March 21—District Stewardship Conference at Greenwood; W. B. Gresham, Associational Sunday School Superintendent, Benton County.

March 22—District Stewardship Conference at Corinth; T. W. Green, Trustee, Baptist Hospital.

March 23—S. C. Wallace, Member Mississippi Baptist Convention Brotherhood Committee; Mrs. J. B. Parker, Stewardship Chairman, State W. M. C.

March 24—R. E. Pate, Convention Board Member, Tishomingo County; A. C. Puckett, Trustee, Mississippi College.

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Philadelphia Church, Lincoln county, has gone from half time to full time. Rev. James E. Drane is pastor. No doubt this good church will make even greater progress now than it has in the past.

Information has just come to the Baptist Orphanage that Lt. Blondie Rowe of the Army Nurses Corps was married to Sgt. Edw. Fullerton Hamilton, III of Chicago, Illinois on Thursday, January 31, 1946 at Houston, Texas. This young couple are at home for the present at 2012 Marion street, Houston, Texas. Lt. Rowe made her home in the Baptist Orphanage for some 18 years, entering the home at the age of two. She completed her Grammar school education in the Orphanage Public School, graduated from Central High School of Jackson and later received her degree from the Baptist Hospital in the School of Nursing. Lt. Rowe spent some time at Camp Shelby, later going overseas where she served efficiently and sacrificially as an Army Nurse.

NORWAY RECEIVES SCRIPTURES

—One hundred and twenty-six cases, containing 3,000 Norwegian Bibles, 15,000 Testaments and 75,000 Gospels have been received in Oslo, according to word received by the American Bible Society. These books were a gift from the Bible Society, as a part of its war emergency program, to the Norwegian Bible Society.

Woman's Missionary Union

President—Mrs. Webb Brame, Yazoo City Exec. Sec'y—Miss Edwina Robinson

Miss Wilma Bucy, Field Representative of our Home Mission Board spent the month of February in Mississippi. Plans for the month were worked out by the State W.M.U. department and associational superintendents in Hinds-Warren, Lauderdale, Jones and Lebanon associations. This was a new approach to the presentation of Home Missions. A central church in each city was selected and one room was chosen as the "Home Mission Room". Miss Bucy brought with her maps, pictures, curioes, costumes, slides and various other aids — these were all displayed in the room. This helped to create a Home Mission atmosphere and gave background for the presentation of the work. Miss Bucy spent a week in

each city and all the meetings for the week were held in that special room.

In each of the cities a book on Home Missions was taught in an all day class to the women — afternoon and evening hours were planned for the other groups.

Many of our Negro women and young people were reached in specially planned meetings. Home Missions was presented to College and High School groups.

All of our constituency in these cities declare this plan a most helpful method in the presentation of Home Missions. We are grateful to Miss Bucy and the Home Mission Board for trying this out in Mississippi.

Record of Attendance in Home Mission Emphasis Weeks

	W.M.S.	B.W.C.	Y.W.A.	G.A.	R.A.	Sunbeams	Other Groups	Total	Churches Represented
Jackson	206	75	123	155	56		685	1300	12
Meridian	67	65	36	115	37		484	797	14
Laurel	127	54	30	110	32	24	356	733	18
Hattiesburg	186	35	76	114	61	141	829	1442	23
	586	229	265	494	186	165	2354	4272	67

Mississippi is second in the number of Margaret Fund Students attending our colleges — only Texas has more. Five of these students are attending Blue Mountain College, Misses Mary Ruth Cooper and Louise Freeman, Argentina. Laurelle Owen, Palestine Emily Ware, China and Betty Jane Sullivan, Brazil; Miss Cita Harris, China is attending Mississippi College. These students are to be present and

help in the presentation of the Young People's program on Wednesday night, April 3rd.

Miss Nell Taylor, newly elected State Young People's Secretary will be present for the convention. She graduates at the Woman's Missionary Union Training School early in May and will come to the State W.M.U. department on May 15th.

A CATECHISM — OF — BIBLE TEACHING

JOHN A. BROADUS, D.D., LL.D.
Printed By Permission of Sunday School
Board of Southern Baptist Convention
Nashville, Tenn.

This Catechism may be purchased from the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., or from the Baptist Book Store for five cents a copy.
(Continued from Last Week.)

Lesson VIII. Regeneration.

1. What is meant by the word regeneration? Regeneration is God's causing a person to be born again.

2. Are such persons literally born a second time? No, the regenerated are inwardly changed as if they were born over again.

3. In what respect are men changed in the new birth? In the new birth men have a new heart, so as to hate sin and desire to be holy servants of God. —Ezek. 11:10-20.

4. Is this new birth necessary in order to salvation? Without the new birth no one can be saved. John 3:2.

5. Who produces this great change? The Holy Spirit regenerates. John 3:5, 6.

6. Are people regenerated through baptism? No, only those whose hearts are already changed ought to be baptized.

7. Are people regenerated through Bible teaching? Yes, people are usually regenerated through the Word of God. — 1 Pet. 1:23; James 1:18.

8. Can we understand how men are

born again? No, we can only know regeneration by its effects. John 3:8.

10. What is the proof of having a new heart? The proof of having a new heart is living a new life. 1 John 2:29; 2 Cor. 5:17.

GLEN SHERROD LEADS MINISTERIAL CLASS AT MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE

Clinton, Miss., March 8 — The Ministerial Association of Mississippi College composed entirely of students for the ministry has just elected officers for the next year. They are: Glen Sherrod of St. Louis, President; Bob Patterson, Memphis, Vice President; John DeFoore, Sidon, Secretary; Jack Nazary, Forest, Treasurer; Carl Case, Wesson, Chorister; Jack Glaze, Pelahatchie, pianist; Charles Ray, of Fort Worth, Texas, Reporter; A. L. Mills, Clara, Mission Director.

The out-going officers are: Joe Causey, President; Trenton Floyd, Vice President; Foy Rogers, Secretary; Sammy Crawford, Treasurer; Benton Evans, Chorister; Richard Spain, Pianist; Ray Megginson, Reporter; C. O. Lindsey, Mission Director.

Mississippi College normally enrolls about one hundred Ministerial Students each session.

Baptist book store managers meeting in Nashville last week heard a report that the 27 Baptist bookstores had sales of \$2,749,925 in 1945.



B. B. ALBRITTON

COLLEGE BURSAR LONGS FOR NEW BUILDING

B. B. Albritton, Bursar of Mississippi College, was graduated from the school with distinction in 1921, after returning from service in World War I. He was in Germany a year with the army of occupation. During his college course he worked part-time in the office of the school. After graduation he was cashier of the Bank of Clinton and was in business in the Delta for several years.

In 1937 he accepted the position as Bursar at the college. In this important place he is serving with signal success. In the words of one of the outstanding public accountants in Mississippi, "Mr. Albritton's books are always in order. He is a real business man." This high praise is deserved, and in the handling of the campaign funds, which Mississippi Baptists are now giving in the enlargement effort, and in the administering of the financial duties that fall to him, Mr. Albritton's books are always kept in perfect order. His service in the community is varied, as he is a deacon in the local church, and general secretary of the Sunday School. Mr. Albritton's family also shares in the contribution made to the community and the college.

Mr. Albritton eagerly looks forward to the completion of the Enlargement Campaign for it means a new administration building and a new administration building means better quarters in which to conduct the enlarging business affairs of Mississippi College.

Rev. James B. Ray, former city missionary at Hattiesburg has accepted pastorate of West Corinth church. He states that he has recovered from his recent illness and is now "raring to go." Pastor Ray did outstanding work as enlistment pastor in North Mississippi before going to Hattiesburg.

Mrs. Bess W. Truman has written a New York Methodist church that she and her daughter were "pleased to know of the approval of our action." The church had congratulated the first lady and her daughter in their choice of orange juice over cocktails at a recent New York City dinner.

The Church Building Loan department of the Home Mission Board has reduced its interest rate on church loans from 5 per cent to 4 per cent. Funds are now available for loans at the reduced rate.

Dr. C. B. Arendall, pastor of the Dauphin Way Church, Mobile, for many years, died in New Orleans.



Department
of Church
Music

LUTHER A. HARRISON, Secretary

REVIVAL MEETINGS

If the Department of Church Music can be of help to you in locating a man to lead the singing during your revival please feel free to call on us. We have a list of about 35 men and you will know of some others. If we can get our available men located we will have plenty for every church.

If you have been leading the singing in revival meetings and have some time available please give me your name, address, telephone number, and the open dates you will be available. We have no choice to make among these men and no special friends that we want to push into the churches but we do want to help get singers and preachers together where it is possible.

Many requests are coming in for the right kind of book for Training Union Ensembles. The Ladies Quartet Book by Coleman is available at the Baptist Book Store for 50c each. Twelve of the twenty songs suggested are in this book.

Juniors and Intermediates in the Sunday School hymn playing contest will be eligible regardless of age because they will not be promoted until this fall and the hymn playing contest will be over by that time. They will enter the contest in the department where they are enrolled. The Brotherhood quartets are coming in in a fine way. We will have a further list published as soon as space is available. Send us the names of men in your Brotherhood quartet and we will send you your three books free. Please state whether you want round or shaped notes.

March has five Sundays and the fifth Sunday would be a good time for a music festival at the evening service. Talk to your pastor about it and see if you can't work that up, using all your music organizations.

The book, Sacred Trios for Women, by Lillenas, is a good trio book for women's voices.

Do not hesitate to write the Music Department for any of your music needs.

— BR — D. L. COOPER

Whereas death has again called one of our members, Brother D. L. Cooper, from his earthly labors to his eternal home, and

Whereas, we shall miss his presence, his labors and wise counsel, knowing that our loss is his gain, therefore be it

Resolved that we extend to his grief-stricken family our deepest sympathy, commending them to Him, who, in His infinite wisdom, doeth all things well.

Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, and copies be given to Newton Record and The Baptist Record for publication.

Done in regular session of the Board of Decans, Newton Baptist Church, Newton, Miss., February 10, 1946.

W. B. CROSBY, Clerk.

Rev. J. T. Tolar, former Mississippi pastor, and Mrs. Tolar of Louisville, Kentucky, announce the arrival of John Thomas Tolar, Jr., at the Kentucky Baptist Hospital on February 23. The Rev. Tolar is a student at the Southern Seminary and is also pastor of Pleasant Grove Church, Anchorage, Kentucky.



Brotherhood Department

J. H. Street, Secretary

ALL BAPTIST MEN URGED TO COME REGARDLESS OF WHETHER CHURCH HAS BROTHERHOOD OR NOT

One District President has suggested that it should be made clear that it is desired that ALL BAPTIST MEN attend the state Brotherhood Convention in Jackson, April 1-2, whether or not their churches have Brotherhoods. We are happy to make this explanation and to emphasize the fact that our Convention is for the men from any Baptist church in the state without regard to whether or not they have a Brotherhood organization. In fact, we hope to have a large number of churches without Brotherhoods represented in order that they may learn more of the program and methods of the Brotherhood.

TWO NEW BROTHERHOODS

Brother B. E. Craft darts back and forth between Johnston Station, Pike County, and Montgomery, Lincoln County, like a humming bird between two flowers. He is pastor of these two fine full-time churches; and both churches are prospering under his progressive leadership. Montgomery is just finishing a beautiful church building, which the pastor says is the finest strictly country church in the state, so far as he knows.

It was the Secretary's privilege on March 3, Sunday, to try to keep up with Brother Craft as he conducted six services in the two churches. In the course of the busy day a Brother-

hood was organized in each church.

Johnston Station (Pike)

Officers elected for the Brotherhood at Johnston Station were as follows: President, J. C. Davis; membership vice-president, Cecil Williams; program vice-president, L. S. Montgomery; activities vice-president, Dealos Moak; secretary-treasurer, Vernon May. All addresses Johnston Station. These brethren hope to have 100 per cent of their active men enrolled in the Brotherhood and present at their first regular meeting after organization. May the Lord bless them in their fine plans!

Montgomery (Lincoln)

A full staff of officers was elected for the Montgomery Brotherhood. The president is C. H. Moak, Summit, Route 4. The other officers are: membership vice-president, Jim Woodall, Summit, Route 4; program vice-president, Kenneth Green, Summit, Route 4; activities vice-president, K. L. Moak, Summit, Route 4; and secretary-treasurer, Fred M. Brown, Bogue Chitto, Route 3. We expect great work from this fine group of energetic and consecrated men.

ONLY TWO SESSIONS

The state Brotherhood Convention will begin at 7:00 P. M., Monday, April 1, and close at noon Tuesday, April 2. There will be only one evening session and one morning session. We trust that large numbers will be able to stay throughout the very brief convention.

Mississippi College Trustees Meet

Twelve of the fifteen were present at the recent meeting of the Trustees of Mississippi College. Highlights of the meeting were: Plans were made to arrange more dormitory space for the increasing number of students that are seeking admittance; to enlarge and strengthen the faculty; to have an annual luncheon for the Board of Trustees and the faculty; and authorizing the employment of a college hostess and a Baptist Student Union Secretary.

A digest of the minutes of the meeting follows:

Digest of the Minutes of the Board of Trustees of Mississippi College January 11, 1946.

Twelve of the fifteen members were present.

1. Expressions of approval to the Secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and members of that Board for throwing the weight of their influence behind the Enlargement Campaign; and for the liberal percentage allocated to Mississippi College from Co-Operative Program receipts.

2. Expressions of appreciation to J. A. Travis, who recently left the service of the college to become Secretary of the Baptist Foundation.

3. Andrew Puckett, chairman of the Athletic Committee, presented his report and Coach Stanley L. Robinson, who outlined the work he proposed to do in the department of Physical Education, which includes physical education for all students, as well as a sane and healthy program of amateur intercollegiate athletics. The Board approved the report.

4. —Faculty. Some temporary appointments were approved and plans were

suggested whereby the faculty might be strengthened and enlarged for the enlarged student body just ahead.

5. Honorary Degrees. On motion, the matter of bringing names for honorary degrees before the Board reverts to the old method of only the committee on honorary degrees of the Board of Trustees considering same.

6. On motion, duly seconded, it was unanimously passed that the Board of Trustees and Faculty meet together for an annual luncheon at a time designated by the President and faculty.

7. Other matters brought to the attention of the Board by the President were as follows:

(1) The matter of housing ex-service men with families.

(2) Completing the transaction for the Hillman College property.

(3) Selling the right to the American Telephone & Telegraph Company to lay a cable across some land owned by the college for \$1,057.00.

(4) Authorizing the Building and Grounds Committee, with the President of the Board and the President of the college to locate residence halls for young women and construct same as soon as it is considered wise and to the best interests of the college.

(5) Still operating on the same budget as for the last two or three years and staying within income.

(6) Authorized to employ a college Hostess at a nominal salary, if and when needed.

(7) Authorized to employ a Baptist Student Union Secretary, the State Convention Board and the Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tenn., sharing in the expense.

—BR—

Rev. W. C. Kitchens, pastor, Gum Branch Church, Winston county, recently sent a list of 12 subscriptions and thus helped increase the subscription list of the Baptist Record.

Sunday School Lesson.

Prepared by Bracey Campbell
Lesson for March 17

THE EVERYDAY LIFE OF A PEOPLE. TEXT: RUTH.

I. God's Ability to Keep His People Pure. Elimelech lived in a lawless age among a people who periodically forgot God. Elimelech himself may have done wrong by losing faith that God would provide for His own, and by running off to a land inhabited by the enemies of his people. Here his two sons married pagan girls in open violation of God's commandment, happy as was the final event of the marriage of one of them. But Elimelech loved God and Naomi loved God, and it was doubtless their service of God in their home that led Ruth to become willing to forsake the false Gods of her people for the service of the true God.

In the face of the inconstancy of his own people in Judah and of the paganism of the people of Moab. Elimelech and his remained true to God. None of God's people is bound to conform to the wickedness of evil environment, no one is forced to yield to temptation. In the vilest sections of the city may be found some souls faithful to God. In the midst of wicked days there may yet be found those who have not bowed the knee to Baal, nor kissed his image.

II. Naomi's Longing. Down in Moab, Elimelech and his two sons died, and Naomi was left an aged widow. In this condition, her longing for her girlhood home returned, she wanted to go back to the old familiar scenes and faces. Oh, she had made friends in Moab, no doubt; but the friends that grow dear to human hearts as those hearts grow old are the friends of the early years, and the scenes that are brightest to aging eyes are the scenes of childhood. Have you moved away from the old home? Have you been away long? Yes? Then you know what I mean. Naomi wanted to go back to the friends of her youth that she might hear and speak the language of her youth and worship the God of her youth. No wonder.

III. Orpha and Ruth. These girls loved their Jewish husbands and were faithful to them. They likewise loved their mother-in-law, Naomi; but they were two good girls of different kinds, when you have granted that they were both good girls. Orpha was sentimental primarily. Her grief at a loss might quickly spend itself in tears and loud lamentations. Her moral indignation at sight of a flagrant wrong might burn with consuming ardor for a brief time, but after this brief time, it would die down. No one more true to a friend for a while, but after a while, forgotten.

Ruth was the constant one. She would resolve, then suffer to realize on her resolution. Her speech to Naomi is a classic for all the ages in the realm of professions of abiding loyalty and constant love. Undoubtedly she had been powerfully influenced by the religious life of the circle into which she had married, and moved by the, perhaps unconscious, influence of her mother-in-law, had embraced a living faith in Jehovah. So she was willing to endure all things for Naomi and Naomi's God.

IV. The Gleaner, She did not at



DR. RICHARD TROTT

DR. TROTT IS SPEAKER FOR BLUE MT. ALUMNAE Banquet Scheduled March 15

The Hinds County Chapter of the Blue Mountain College Alumnae Association of which Mrs. D. C. Simmons is president is arranging for a banquet at the First Baptist Church, Jackson, at 6 p. m., March 15, during the Mississippi Educational Association for Blue Mountain College Alumnae and other friends attending the meeting. Dr. Richard Trott, Professor of Mathematics at the College, will be the principal speaker. President Lawrence T. Lowrey will be present, and will also talk to the group.

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Kentucky Baptists have decided to combine their two Orphanages. One is now located at Glendale and the other at Louisville. The new Orphanage will be located at Louisville. A committee comprised of Rev. Mitchell, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Kentucky Orphanage, and Mr. Goldbrook, the architect for the new buildings, made a visit to the Baptist Orphanage of Jackson to inspect the new buildings that have been erected the past few years. They were favorably impressed and surprised that so much progress has been made in such short time with no indebtedness.

first know in whose field she gleaned. "Her hope was to" get into Boaz's field. That is the language of the Bible, but I think it was more than a mere "happenstance" that Ruth found herself but in that particular field. God ordered the steps of the young widow, and she gleaned where God wanted her. She came into the field of Boaz, and into the sympathy of Boaz, and under the care of Boaz, and into the hear of Boaz. Ruth was the answer to the cry of this man's heart for a mate to match, a helper meet for him a wife fit for him.

V. The Kinsman-Redeemer. Boaz is a type of Christ. The redeemer of an alienated possession, inheritance; the redeemer of an alien life, the bringer of a stranger into the commonwealth of God's people.

VI. Ruth an Ancestress of Our Lord. He was Son of Man, son of the race, in whose veins flowed the blood of both Jew and gentile, king and common, rich and poor, wise and unlettered. Ruth the gentile born of pagan parents was the great-grandmother of David, and he was the founder of the royal house over which his greater son forever reigns.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SBC ADOPTS RESOLUTIONS

Dr. Hight C. Moore And J. Henry Burnett Honored, Have Served Since 1914 And 1919

Whereas Dr. Hight C. Moore has stated that with the closing of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1946 he will terminate his work as secretary of the Convention, it is fitting that an expression of appraisal and appreciation for his long and efficient service be given.

In May 1914 he was elected to succeed Dr. Lansing Burrows, who had served for thirty-three years as secretary, the longest term until that time, only to be equalled by that of Dr. Moore when his service shall close.

During this period, Dr. Moore has served under twelve of the twenty-three Presidents of the Convention, and recorded the proceedings of the Convention for almost one-third of a century; prepared (ending with Convention of 1946) thirty-three convention Annals, averaging more than five hundred pages per copy. During this time he has registered 120,784 messengers from 1914 to the present, which number would have been about 130,000 but for the omission of the Convention in 1943 and 1945. The registration from 1845, to 1913 was 26,693.

Served In Many Ways

In addition to these duties, Dr. Moore served as a member and secretary of the former Executive Committee, and handled the protracted court litigation of the Opdyke fund. He also served for several years on the investment committee. Along with the president of the Convention, he has been a member of the present Executive Committee, and has continuously served on the committee of Convention arrangements. During this time he has conducted a voluminous official correspondence, includ-

ing the certification of messengers to other bodies, notably to the Congress of the Baptist World Alliance in Atlanta, 1939, when 9,804 paid their registration fee.

While he has rendered this large and outstanding service, we can never forget the Christlike spirit in which it has been given. His unfailing efficiency, courtesy, and brotherly kindness have been so manifest at all times. In view of all this therefore be it resolved:

1. That the Executive Committee hereby express to Dr. Moore our deepest thanks for the faithful and unusual service through so long a tenure in office.

2. That we recommend to the Convention that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes, and that the Convention give to Dr. Moore a rising vote of thanks for the faithful and unusual service which he has rendered.

3 That we assure Dr. Moore, that associate Secretary, and who plans to resign his post of service at the same time with Dr. Moore. The part of the work which has fallen to him has been discharged with equal fidelity, efficiency, and genial spirit. Therefore we would have him to share with Dr. Moore in every tribute of our gratitude and Christian affection.

It is fitting that a like expression of our grateful appreciation be given to Brother J. Henry Burnett, who, since 1919, has served with Dr. Moore as Associate Secretary, and who plans to relinquish his post of service at the same time with Dr. Moore. The part of the work which has fallen to him has been discharged with equal fidelity, efficiency, and genial spirit. Therefore we would have him to share with Dr. Moore in every tribute of our gratitude and Christian affection.

Respectfully submitted,
J. R. HESTER
HENRY W. TIFFANY
CHAS. W. DANIEL.

METHODISTS STRESS VOLUNTEER WORKERS FOR RURAL CHURCHES

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—(RNS) — Fifty volunteer workers will be trained this year for educational service in small rural and city churches, according to a report of the Methodist Church's Division of the Local Church made here by Dr. J. Q. Schisler, director of the division, to the committee of two hundred of the Methodist Crusade for Christ.

Other plans for 1946 call for advanced training of educational workers in cooperation with theological seminaries as well as assistance in training educational leaders in Mexican conferences and the Indian Mission.

CHAPLAIN WILSON COMPLETES SERVICE

The Baptist Record office enjoyed a visit from Chaplain Melvin T. Wilson, former pastor of Bowen Memorial and Sharon churches on the Gulf Coast, and Mer Rouge, Louisiana. Chaplain Wilson is completing 45 months in the army, 17 months in the Caribbean and seven in the European theater of war. He has preached the gospel in North America, South America, Cuba, Trinidad, England, France, Belgium, Germany and on the high seas. Mrs. Wilson and the twelve-year old daughter are happy to welcome him home. He is available for a pastorate. He graduated at the Baptist Bible Institute in 1939. He is at Mer Rouge, La., at this time.

Southern Seminary To Build Dormitory

Two Large Gifts Received

Cash donations totaling \$70,000 have been received by the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary from friends of the seminary for the erection of a six-family apartment dormitory for missionaries, and for the enlargement of Bernard Hall, dormitory for women attending the seminary's School of Church Music, President Ellis A. Fuller has announced.

The apartment dormitory will be financed by a \$35,000 gift received from an individual who designated that it be used to provide living quarters for missionaries who may want to spend their furloughs at the seminary for study or for research in the seminary library.

The remaining \$35,000 of which \$20,000 was given by one person, will be used for the erection of additional bedrooms to Bernard Hall. When these rooms are completed, the dormitory will have adequate accommodations for the girls of the music school.

Work on the new building program will begin as soon as materials are available. It is hoped that the building can be completed before the opening of the next session, in September.

Rev. P. H. Young, pastor, Hamburg Church, recently sent a nice list of renewals and added several new names to the list. Such lists are always welcome.

Choctaw Alumni To Meet March 15

A meeting of Mississippi College Alumni will be held in the Convention Hall of the Robert E. Lee Hotel, Jackson, Mississippi, at five o'clock, Friday, March 15th. The purpose of the meeting is to plan for a permanent organization and elect officers. Coach Stanley Robinson will be on hand.

Attala County BTU To Meet March 17

KOSCIUSKO — (Special)—Christian education will be the theme of the program to be given at the meeting of the Attala County Baptist Training Union Association at McAdams Baptist Church March 17 at 2:30 p. m.

Opening with a song service, the devotional will be given by the Rev. D. S. Homan. Education through training unions will be featured in a panel discussion. Sallis Junior Union will discuss regular attendance and punctuality. County Line Intermediate union will discuss reading and prayer. Kosciusko First Young People's union will discuss scriptural giving; Williamsville Adult union will discuss lesson material and study course; McAdams union will discuss leadership.

A "quiz" program will be conducted on Mississippi College Enlargement. George Thornton of Kosciusko will make a talk on "Higher Education Through the Christian College."

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Solution Suggested For Racial Problem

By E. N. PATTERSON

Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans.

During the week of January 21, I served as one of the speakers in an Inter-racial Bible Conference held in the Olive Baptist church, (negro), Beaumont, Texas. This work in the state of Texas is under the leadership of Dr. A. C. Miller. There certainly is a solution to our racial problems here in the south land and I believe with all my heart that such a meeting as this one will be the basis of solving our problems.

At such a meeting as this, we find that regardless of our racial differences we are worshipping the same God, and fundamentally in the same way. By listening to ministers and speakers from each group we learn that we believe pretty much the same things about God. No Christian can go through such a week as this without discovering that we are drawing from the same source, power for our ministry among our own brethren. We find that God's spiritual children do have things in common and have a basis for settling problems.

The only basis of cooperation for solution of problems whether they be social, economical or spiritual, is the Christian basis. We have problems in our own racial groups caused by unchristian attitudes and principles that we will never solve except these attitudes and principles be changed. May we say about the racial problems, as others are saying about other world problems, the solution is basically theological. It must be solved not only here in America but over the entire world. If it is solved it will be by Christian leadership shorn of all race prejudice.

Temporary Alumni officers, Cliff Hester, Clinton, and Ray Izard, Hazlehurst, are calling the meeting because of the large number of Mississippi College graduates who will be in Jackson to attend the sessions of the Mississippi Education Association.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE March 10, 1946

	S.S.	B.T.U.
Philadelphia, Lincoln Co.	50	65
Meridian, 15th Ave.	558	112
Byram, Hinds County	56	26
Houlka, Chickasaw Co.	76	34
Center	81	48
Harrisburg, Tupelo	206	81
Kreole, First	73	30
New Zion, Copiah Co.	95	54
Van Winkle, Jackson	145	
Liberty Hill, Panola Co.	105	68
Friendship, Kreole	54	50
Ellison Ridge, Winston Co.	127	79
Clarks-Venable, Decatur	211	98
Cross Roads, Webster Co.	87	
West Point, First	384	93
Beaumont	96	39
Hattiesburg, Main Street	650	328
Union, Lincoln County	46	42
Centerville	162	45
Brookhaven, First	613	137
Bruce	168	47
Crystal Springs	474	115
Vicksburg, Bowmar Ave.	190	82
Beulah, Jones County	58	57
Batesville	158	84
Ackerman	144	
Wellman, Lincoln County	61	55
Wallerville	71	40
Agricola	84	33
Booneville, First	169	
New Albany, First	517	234
Jackson, Parkway	526	182
Raleigh	185	
Jackson, Calvary	1,267	285
Jackson, Calvary, including Stone St. mission	1,316	
West Laurel	437	121
Jackson, Daniel	166	76
Jackson, Northside	246	82
Jackson, Griffith Memorial	579	259
Jackson, First	1,044	224
Summit	152	114

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Cross Roads, Webster Co.	57	
Meridian, 15th Avenue	517	125
Booneville, First	165	
Kreole, First	68	40
Pascagoula, First	470	85
Agricola	95	48
Summit	173	103
Bryan, Hinds County	35	44
Durant	165	88
Ellistown	121	103
New Albany, First	490	200

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MRS. BELLE V. NABORS

Mrs. Belle Veasey Nabors, 88, lifelong resident of Attala county, died at her home near Ethel, Feb. 5, after several weeks illness. She united with the Baptist church at Pilgrim Rest early in life. She lived a Christian life during these years, and was loved by everyone who knew her. She was laid to rest in the Liberty Chapel Cemetery Feb. 6, Rev. McElroy conducting the service. Woodall Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were four grandsons and two nephews: Pfc. Brice Nabors, T/Sgt. Thornton Nabors, Luther Nabors, Wayne Nabors, Pfc. William F. Bigby and Lewis Bigby.

Surviving relatives are one son, Alvin Nabors of Ethel; two step-sons, Newton Nabors of Ethel, Charlie Nabors of McCool; two step-daughters, Miss Mary Lee Nabors and Mrs. Sally Campbell of Kosciusko; 20 grandchildren and several great grandchildren.

Mrs. Brice Nabors,
Miss Willie Dee Nabors.

Sparks & Splinters

Plans are being made for a meeting of the Baptist World Alliance in 1947. Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke plans to come from England to attend the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami.

During his life, Dr. A. A. Hutto, veteran Alabama pastor, preached tithing and world missions. Last week, the terms of his will showed ten percent of his modest estate would go for world missions.

We regret that there was an error in the date of the death of Mrs. Lucy Sproles in the obituary which appeared in the March 7 issue. The date should have been December 23, 1945 instead of February 23.

The Christian journalist is an evangelist, whether he works in his home town, in Ibadan, in Rio, in Canton, in Rome, or in Jerusalem.—Marjorie E. Moore in Baptist Student.

Mrs. Van Rish Dendy of Midway Church, Calhoun County, writes that she often finds one article in the Baptist Record that is worth a whole year's subscription price.

The Clarke College Choir from Newton will present a musical program at Van Winkle Church, Jackson, on Sunday evening March 17 from 7:30 to 8:30.—H. A. Milner, pastor.

The Baptist Record is grateful to Rev. R. E. Woodfin for a nice list of subscriptions from Oldham Church, Tishomingo County.

Chaplain W. C. Taggart, Jr., now located at Coral Gables Hospital, Miami, Florida, is soon to be separated from the service and will be available for civilian activity. Dr. Alfred Carpenter of the Home Mission Board suggests that many of our churches should use him for youth revivals, as he is especially adapted to this type of work. Chaplain Taggart is the well known co-author of a best seller during the war period, "Our Fighting Congregation."

Would you like to furnish noon-day school lunch for one or more of the High School boys or girls of the Orphanage? This can be done for \$3.00 per month or you may like to contribute an allowance for spending money. High School students \$4.00; Grammar School \$2.00; Pre-School \$1.00.

James C. Donahoe of Pilgrim's Rest Church, Copiah County, recently sent a nice list of renewal subscriptions.

Nelson Tull, a Mississippian, and pastor's assistant at Nashville, First church, has been elected director of the Arkansas Baptist Brotherhood department. He is a layman, and formerly served on the public school staff in Little Rock, and was educational director at Walnut Street church in Louisville. It is understood that he will assume his new duties April 1.

Sunday, March 3, was "Mississippi College Day" in Friendship church, Lincoln county. The pastor's subject was "Wisdom," after which the Mississippi College Enlargement campaign was presented. The church was enthusiastic in their response, and the suggested quota of \$350 was quickly raised.—Mrs. Lewis A. Curtis.

Pastor S. B. Harrington, Tchula, county chairman of Holmes County, states that at a recent association meeting their churches accounted for \$6,583 on their \$6,592 association quota in the Mississippi College Enlargement Campaign. Success is on its way in this great endeavor.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY LAUNCHES NEW DEPARTMENT

For a hundred and thirty years, the American Bible Society has served an increasing number of Protestant denominations which now number approximately fifty. The program of the Society during these years has been three-fold: translation, publication, and distribution of the Word of God. Of recent years, however, the Society has become increasingly aware

of the necessity of stimulating and encouraging the Use of the Bible, if the first three steps are to be effective.

Recently, the Board of Managers of the Society officially established a new department entitled, "Promotion of Bible Use," with Dr. J. Chapman Bradley, as the executive officer responsible for developing this program.

The Clinton Baptist Church in business meeting Wednesday night elected five new deacons, in addition to the nineteen already serving the church. The church has voted to elect still five others in the near future probably next fall. Those just elected are J. V. Carr, W. T. Douglas, T. W. Touchstone, W. E. Hanna, and Hubert C. Street. J. D. Wallace is chairman of the Deacons and Dr. John Newport, pastor of the church.

Dr. William Ward Ayer will on Sunday, May 26 complete ten years of a strenuous and successful ministry at the famed Calvary Baptist Church situated at 123 West 57th Street in the heart of New York and at the conclusion of this period is planning to answer a few of the many calls for evangelism which have come to him in recent years and which, because of the demands of his large pastorate and radio ministry, he has been unable to fill. He will be relinquishing a great part of his radio work and may not return to his pastorate until January '47 and has asked those who may desire his services during that period to write him, as he is making up his schedule; however, other things being equal, he will be resting for a three-month period during the summer.

There is no "promotion" and "demotion" within the will of God. When a Christian is where God wants him he "has arrived."—Frank Leavelle in Baptist Student.

"Entering and Living the Christian Life," is the title of a pamphlet by Dr. A. U. Boone, pastor of the Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis. It presents "Doctrines and Duties for Those Who Have Accepted Christ as Saviour and Lord." The scriptural background for the doctrinal statements and the duties that follow is given and the author's comments follow. It is a brief yet forceful presentation of the following subjects: At the Gateway, The Way Through, Two in One, The Guarantee, Confessing Him, Baptism—What Is It? Baptism—Who Should be Baptized?, Joining the Church, The Lord's Supper, Supporting the Church in Person, Supporting the Church by Good Behavior, Supporting the Church Financially, The Prayer Life, Secret Prayer, Intercessory Prayer, The Habit of Prayer, The Christian's Textbook, Co-operation in Bible Study, "The Greatest Thing in the World," Mission Work, Christian Fellowship, The Question of Amusements, The Doctrine of the Trinity, and Our Heavenly Home. The price of the little book is 1-9 copies, each 10; 10-49 copies, each 9c; 50-99 copies, each 8c; 100 or more, each 7c, and is sold by the Baptist Book Store.

Slayden Church is progressing in a fine way. They have sent in a check for more than their suggested goal for the Mississippi College campaign. Plans are in the making for a Vacation Bible School. The church plans to send Pastor R. O. Bankston to the Southern Baptist Convention. He is doing a splendid work at Slayden and Byhalia.—Boyd Watkins.

Dr. B. C. Land, former pastor of the First church, Quitman, has just written his second book, "The Unified Budget System of Church Finance." As in his first book, "Florida a Mission Field," Dr. Land has done a splendid job. His writing is clear, specific and gripping. He knows his subject from experience and study as well as from a peculiar sort of inspiration that writers seem to possess. Some of the chapters are "The Church in the New Age," "Man's Financial Plan," "God's Financial Plan," "The Budget Method of Church Finance," and "The Unified Budget System at Work" along with others equally as interesting and challenging. Copies of the book may be ordered from the author, Dr. B. C. Land at the address, 304 Rogers Bldg., Jacksonville, Fla.—J. W. Buckner.

ROME (By Wireless to BNS)—Pope Pius XII has accepted an offer by the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation headquarters in Rome to place automobiles at the disposal of cardinals attending the consistory which opens February 18. This will relieve a difficulty caused by the current transportation shortage in the capital.

The following have been recent visitors to the office of the Baptist Record: Miss Carol Jones, Miss Margaret Jones, Benton; Rev. and Mrs. W. S. Landrum, Clinton; Dr. William Potter, Carthage; Chaplain Melvin T. Wilson, Me Rouge, La.; O. U. Rushing, Jackson; Rev. J. N. Holloway, Bassfield; Rev. W. C. Bennett, Kokomo; Royce Adams, Clarksdale; Rev. A. R. Smith, Eden; John A. Farmer (Phil. 1:20), 242 Holland Building, Fresno, 1, Calif.; Rev. Guy Little, Crystal Springs; Rev. Joe Odle, Crystal Springs; Rev. and Mrs. L. R. Alford, Mt. Olive, Miss.

A cigarette dropped by a prowler is the only likely cause of a recent fire in the editor's home town, a fire which destroyed a store building. Now we wonder why there should not be a law to pay the owner of such a building out of taxes imposed on cigarettes! A friend in Nelson county had his car smashed to pieces not so long ago by a drunken driver of another car. Why should not the state be compelled to reimburse the innocent man for car and body damage, doing it out of the taxes collected on the sale of the stuff that caused the damage? A law to make such payments imperative would soon show the foolish friends of legalized alcoholic beverages just how far wrong they are when they talk of the "big revenue" which a state realizes from the sale of the stuff—big revenue? Yes, but revenue collected at five times its value from innocent victims of the people who pay the liquor taxes.—Western Recorder.

EPISCOPAL BISHOPS STUDY RURAL CHURCH WORK

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., —(RNS)—Ten midwest Protestant Episcopal bishops discussed what might be done to strengthen rural church work at a two-day conference at Cathedral Church of St. Mark here.

The Rev. Clifford L. Samuelson, New York, a leader at the conference, declared the church is "increasingly

Fifteen Year Old Licensed To Preach

By REV. J. N. HOLLOWAY
Bassfield, Miss.

Claude Henry Fortenberry, age 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fortenberry of Sandy Hook, was licensed to preach by the Sandy Hook Church, Pastor J. N. Holloway had charge of the service, at which time a Bible and a Bible Commentary were presented to the young minister.

The first sermon preached by young Fortenberry was on December 31, 1944 in his home church. It was during a revival in October 1944 that he surrendered to the call to preach. Since that time he has preached at Hurricane Creek Church, Marion County, Bogue Chitto Church, Ebenezer Church, Jeff Davis County, Turnage's Chapel, Bunker Hill Church, New Hope Church, East Columbia and Ridge Avenue, West Monroe, La. He supplied the pulpit of Cedar Grove church Marion county from June 10, to August 26, 1945. During this period there were 16 additions to the church, a Training Union was organized and new Sunday School rooms added to the church.

Claude Henry is a Junior at the Columbia high school. He plans to go to college and seminary upon completion of his high school work.

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Girl High School Graduates Said To Make More

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., —(RNS)—Low pastoral salaries were attacked by Dr. Frederick Schweitzer, president of Bloomfield, N. J. Theological Seminary, in Monday Morning Morning, Presbyterian pastor's weekly.

"While the country is in turmoil over the relation of working-men's wages to the cost of living, it is timely to question the adequacy of pastoral salaries under \$2,500 with manse," Dr. Schweitzer wrote in an open letter to Presbyterian churches.

"Girls who graduate from high school find immediate employment at salaries often in excess of those paid our college and seminary graduates with years of effective experience in the ministry," he said. An eastern Presbyterian synod was challenged by Dr. Schweitzer for being satisfied that all its married pastors were "at long last receiving at least \$1,800 with manse."

"Many presbyteries do not even yet insist," he declared, "on this miserable minimum."

coming to recognize that the future Christian vitality of the nation depends on a stronger Christian work in rural areas."

"Many competent clergy have actually been starved out of their rural church ministry," Mr. Samuelson reported. He called for increased financial support and other recognition of the importance of the work of the rural clergy.

Much attention at the conference was given to realignment of mission stations to provide an effective pastoral ministry. Each of the bishops reported on the rural work program of another denomination, so comparisons could be made and ideas exchanged.

Since Southern Baptist Convention Secretaries Moore and Burnett have announced their intention of retiring after the Miami meeting, it may be of interest to the brethren to be thinking about their successors. Of course, Dr. Neff will not stand for re-election, and new vice-presidents will be elected. Hence, the Southern Baptist Convention will have an entirely new staff of officers for the first time in a hundred years. That is news!

Miss K. Hazel Burnham, teacher of violin and musical theory and direc-

trix of the orchestra at Blue Mountain College has been informed that her latest composition, "Cantata for Easter," will be published by a New York and London music publisher. Among other compositions by Miss Burnham are: a symphony, a violin concerto, some string quarters, overtures, songs, and cantatas.

The American Bible Society has learned, in recent word from Shanghai that the plates of the China Bible House were hidden, during the war years, and so escaped looting. As soon as paper supplies are available production of Scriptures can begin.

REGARDING ASSOCIATION MINUTES

We again call attention to our need for use in the Convention Board Offices the printed Minutes of our 71 Associations. This data is badly needed in these offices for the reason that DAILY, hourly, we have calls for information from the minutes of the respective associations. We list THOSE ASSOCIATIONS who have NOT sent in minutes of the association for 1945. We will be deeply appreciative of any of the following Minutes for our files as they come from the Press: Adams-Franklin, Alcorn, Attala, Benton, Bolivar, Carroll, Choctaw, New Choctaw, Columbus, Copiah, Covington, Deer Creek, George, Hinds-Warren, Itawamba, Jackson, Jeff Davis, Jones, Lafayette, Lawrence, Lauderdale, Leflore, Lincoln, Mississippi, Montgomery, Neshoba, Newton, Noxubee, Pearl Valley, Pontotoc, Prentiss, Rankin, Scott, Tallahatchie, Tippah, Tishomingo, Union County, Union, Wayne, Winston, Yalobusha, Yazoo, Zion.



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Pastor
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Summit, Mississippi.



LEON MASON
Pastor
First Baptist Church
West Point, Mississippi.

Mississippi Baptists have a galaxy of pastor speakers capable of bringing inspiring and refreshing messages on our work. We are happy to present some of our state featured speakers who will bring messages during the

Four Stewardship Conferences

Hattiesburg, Tuesday, March 19
Newton, Wednesday, March 20
Greenwood, Thursday, March 21
Corinth, Friday, March 22

The conference sessions will be held in the afternoon and evening with the exception of the Newton engagement when the sessions will be morning and afternoon that pastors and laymen may be back home for Prayer Meeting in the evening.



CHARLIE TREADWAY
Pastor
First Baptist Church
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J. T. HORTON
Pastor
First Baptist Church
Columbia, Mississippi.



J. R. DAVIS
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FIRST GREENVILLE MAKES
ENVIABLE RECORD

First Baptist Church, Greenville has a preaching attendance membership in their Training Union. Recently four unions were 100 per cent in attending the evening preaching service. The same morning the entire Intermediate Department stayed for the morning preaching service. Mr. Lamar Lowrey, Training Union Director, and Dr. E. D. Elliott, pastor, are rejoicing in this and in other leading features in their church life. According to available records, this church reports more baptisms in the past nine months than any church in Mississippi and was second highest for the year. Their Training Union leaders plan to cooperate in the Leadership School to be held at Leland, April 1-5.

EAST McCOMB DEPARTMENTIZES
ITS TRAINING UNION

Director J. McCollough of East Mc-

Comb Baptist Church reports the progress of their union. They have recently set up Departments with Departmental Officers for each union age group. This progressive step will mean a larger and more efficient Training Union for the church. Department Directors assume responsibility for the enlargement and development of their particular age group which means that six instead of one director is working at this task. We congratulate East McComb!

This is the half way date for March. Hundreds of our unions are having a study course this month. We will appreciate your dropping us a card asking our Request for Award blanks. This will save time and labor, and assure you of receiving your awards early. Mail all Request for Awards to Training Union Department, Box 530, Jackson 105, Miss.



J. A. BARNHILL

EVANGELIST BARNHILL REPORTS

On Sunday, March 24, I begin my third year in evangelistic work with the Johnston Station Church. Brother Ben Earl Craft is the aggressive young pastor of this splendid full-time church.

During the past two years the Lord has wonderfully opened doors of service and has graciously blessed the preaching of the gospel. I have had unspeakable joy in doing the work of an evangelist—ready at any time to go anywhere and answer any call. All invitations and opportunities to serve are regarded as God's call to do his work. His favor upon efforts put forth here abundantly justified this position. A number of engagements have been booked for 1946 and some for 1947. I would be glad to be engaged every week of the year in this evangelistic task. Evangelism is our one hope to save society from moral and spiritual rot and the whole world from chaos and destruction.

I call upon all who love the Lord in sincerity and truth to pray for me that with boldness I may declare the whole counsel of God.

J. A. BARNHILL,
 121 S. Prentiss,
 Jackson, Miss.

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Bessie Mae Evers who makes her home in the Baptist Orphanage was on the Dean's Honor Roll list recently released by Blue Mountain College. Bessie Mae is also a member of the opera group now on tour in Northeast and Central Mississippi towns where Sig-mund Romberg's musical romance, MY MARYLAND is being presented by the Blue Mountain College group. Bessie Mae has made her home in the Baptist Orphanage since November 9, 1934.

the civic life of her community and was most concerned about the future of America.

She was born in Benton County, Miss., but lived the greater part of her life in West Tenn. She moved to Arcola 14 years ago from Jackson, Tenn. She is survived by her husband, two sons, C. J. McKenzie, Trelake and Bailey P. McKenzie, Greenwood. Also three daughters, Mrs. Florence Richardson and Mrs. Jack Alexander of Arcola, and Mrs. Earl Seaton of Jackson, Tenn. Also seven grandchildren: Ruby, Jimmie and Lottie McKenzie, Greenwood, Bailey J. McKenzie U. S. Navy, Gerald Finleigh McKenzie, Tralake, Jane Clare Alexander and Bobby Richardson of Arcola.

Active pall bearers for the service included Ray Mitchell, Norton Miller, Dewey Beard, Mercer Rich, Charles Kittle, and Dr. Frank Spaulding.

Honorary: W. L. Beard, W. S. Boland, W. T. Grantham, J. D. Scull, I. D. Nunnery, Reid P. Williams, Allen Thomas, and W. C. Boland.

Reading Record Leads
To Pastoral Call

Anyone who doubts that Mississippi Baptists read the Record will be interested in the experience of Rev. C. O. Estes recently called as pastor of Center Terrace Church, Canton. According to pastor Estes, "While the former pastor who had accepted the pastorate at Morton was serving his last weeks with the church, the church reserved the right to invite prospective pastors, in order that they might not be without a pastor a single Sunday. SEEING MY NAME IN THE RECORD, they telephoned me. The results are that the pastor ended his work one Sunday and I began officially the next Sunday.

"The church was gracious to fit into our problem by agreeing to add one bedroom and convenient pastor's study to the pastor's home. Along with this it was agreed that Mrs. Estes and the children remain in Aberdeen until the public school had ended. Mrs. Estes is teaching in the high school where Edwin is a Junior, Margaret Ruth, is a Freshman, and Mary Olive is in the grade school."

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MRS. J. F. McKENZIE

Funeral services were conducted for Mrs. J. F. McKenzie, who died at her home Thursday afternoon, February 7th, after an illness of 15 months, were held Friday, February 8th at the Arcola Church. Services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. J. W. T. Siler, assisted by Rev. C. C. Carraway, a former pastor, and Rev. E. S. Lewis, pastor of the Arcola Methodist church.

"Mother Mack" as she was affectionately known by all her friends would have been 85 years of age in March. She joined the Baptist church early in life and remained a faithful worker in her church until her illness confined her to her home. After getting too weak to get out of bed she was daily found reading her Bible and the Baptist Record. When her eyes failed so that she no longer could read she would repeat many times a day verses of scripture and write verses from the Bible in her diary.

She was a woman of rare intellect and retained all of her mental faculties until the last. On Thursday morning as she said good-bye to her beloved husband and children she repeated with them the Twenty Third Psalm. At all times she was keenly interested in her home and

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

By R. A. Eddleman

The items below are taken from The Baptist Record of twenty-five years ago.

March 10th, 1921.

Brethren W. A. Sullivan and J. H. Hooks finished their work at the Louisville Seminary in May. They have both been in the pastorate in Mississippi and are just the kind of men we ought to bring back home before they get fixed somewhere else.

Pastor A. F. Gordon closed a great revival at Moss Point. The church is united and aggressive. Twenty have recently been added to the church, ten of them by baptism. The Sunday School is making a record attendance.

Our readers will be glad indeed to know that Dr. J. Benj. Lawrence, for seven years our state secretary, now pastor of the First church at Shawnee, Oklahoma, has agreed to give us a series of articles on the great fundamentals of our Faith. The series began last week, with an article on "Why I believe in the Existence of God." Watch for them you will be enriched by reading them.

Dr. Lyman Abbott says in the Outlook: "Once I attended a house party given by Mrs. Claffin to a selected company of parents and children, gathered from the North End of Boston for their poverty and need. A gaunt woman, one of the guests, approached the hostess with the question, 'What made you think of doing this? Jesus Christ told you didn't he?' 'Yes' said Mrs. Claffin, 'I guess He did.' 'I thought so; was the reply.' 'I know that you couldn't have thought of it yourself.'"

Pearl River Associational
Training Union MeetsBy ETHEL BARNETTE
Associational Director

The Pearl River Associational B.T.U. held its first quarterly meeting with the First Church, Picayune, February 24. Twelve of the 16 churches having Training Unions were represented, and 204 people were present.

Ten pastors and the associational missionary attended.

The program was entirely in the hands of the Intermediates, and the consensus of opinion was that they handled the situation in a fine way.

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Briar Hill church in Rankin county has already passed the quota suggested for them in the Mississippi College Campaign, and Pastor R. B. Gunter declares he is not surprised. He believes in the Briar Hill group, and counts on their rallying to every good call.

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MISS DORA FRANCES VAN NORDEN

"Whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."

Miss Van Norden, born in Pike County, Mississippi, of parents that taught the Christian way of life by their daily living, she learned to walk in their footsteps while very young. Gaining knowledge from books as she attended school, she also learned from the good Book, to know God as her heavenly Father and Jesus as her personal Savior and elder Brother. Her conversation was such a real and happy experience, that she would tell of that day over in the little country church, where now, by the side in the little cemetery sleep the mother, father, sister, and brothers, many times.

Growing to womanhood, she chose as her profession, nursing, because to relieve the sick and suffering was her ambition. She graduated from the school of nursing, becoming a registered nurse. So conscientious was she in all that she did, that hers was ever the highest standard in her professional work.

God was her constant guide through all the years—thus are explained qualities of her character—so gentle, kind, true, forgetful of self, helping others in their need. After long hard hours of nursing, she would sit and read for hours more, to her invalid mother, before going to bed to rest for the next night's nursing duty. Her family and their need was her constant thought.

She loved prayer meeting and the other services of her church. She would often rush home from duty, go late to prayer meeting, but counted a short time in the services worth the effort, she loved Him and His service so much. As long as she could, she was a faithful and regular attendant at her church.

After twenty-five years of almost constant service, for not many days of these years was she off duty, she had a physical breakdown, from which she never recovered. Always she was hopeful of recovery and to be able to nurse again. During World War II she would listen to the call for nurses over the radio and wish that she could answer her country's call again. She did help the cause by knitting sweaters and mufflers for her local Red Cross, though she could hardly use her fingers.

Being a shut-in for fifteen years, giving up her loved profession, she bore patiently and sweetly, her constant suffering.

Those who came to see her received as much cheer as they brought to her.

On November 18, 1945, God called her to her reward and her home in heaven—Miss Dora Frances Van Norden, a true Christian, sweet sister, and devoted daughter. She has heard the "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Respectfully submitted,

ANNIE AVERETT.

Calvary (Jackson) Training Union Banquet



THE LOGICAL CONCLUSION IN DRY MISSISSIPPI

Mississippi by the expressed will of her people at the polls is dry. Every time she has had an opportunity to vote on liquor she has voted dry by a huge majority. The wets know this; therefore the undermining schemes to defeat prohibition. They know that undermining a law weakens and creates a sentiment against that law. They know that the custom is to let people alone who pay a tax to traffic in a commodity. Even the law itself is embarrassed and handicapped and will not interfere with those who are legally paying a tax to operate. They know that a criminal cannot be forced to furnish evidence with which to prosecute himself. The milk and cider prohibitionist don't seem to know anything.

Twice in the last few years the Mississippi Legislature has run counter to the expressed will of her constituency. The Legislature mind you, and not the people passed the wine and beer act, with a local option referendum clause. The Legislature and not the people passed without due consideration the Black Market Tax Law. The Legislature and not the people defeated a fair and square consideration of the black market tax law at this session of the legislature. The Legislature and not the people killed a bill the purpose of which was to kill a Revenue Act on the flimsy excuse that it was a revenue bill.

As a citizen of Mississippi I resent and shall defy such procedure. The issues involved must be carried to the people and settled by the people. The voice of prohibition must be made stronger, louder, and clear by the right thinking people of our state. A positive and emphatic questionnaire must be placed before those who would be our officers in the next election. The Legislature has thrown down the moral gauntlet and the preachers and churches must pick

More than 300 people were present at the Valentine Banquet of the Training Union of Calvary Church, Jackson. Chris Cooper is Training Union Director, Dr. Claud Bowen, pastor and Melvin Roberts, Educational Director.

it up and carry it to the goal line. In the papers, over the radio, from the pulpits, and at conventions the tragic words echo and re-echo black, black, black. Mississippi has gone black by a black Legislature.

Mississippi can put wine and beer out with an overwhelming majority in the next election. Mississippi can and will rid herself of the Black Market Tax Law. Mississippi can enforce the Prohibition Law and other laws that are being violated.

I hope to hear the voice of prohibition in Mississippi on the air in the near future, for a change. It might be the Voice of Prohibition in Mississippi out of Mexico, but it will serve the same purpose regardless of where.

The Legislature has spoken and I think that it is high time for the people to speak and stop the legislature from misrepresenting them.

Yours for prohibitory laws enforced.
Chas. C. Jones, Mendenhall, Miss.

Dr. W. Marshall Craig was recently honored by pastorate, Gaston Avenue Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas on the occasion of his nineteenth anniversary as the leader of this group. When he assumed the duties of that field in 1927 there were 1,843 members, and now there are 5,950. The church has also made splendid progress financially and in the physical enlargement of their plant.

Christians need to remind themselves again and again of their basic function in the kingdom of God. They are witnesses of the Lord Jesus Christ. This is the purpose of God in their redemption.—Clifton J. Allen in *The Teacher*.

Minority Sects Seek Stronger Position

BUDAPEST, (By Wireless)—RNS—Enactment of a new religious law to strengthen the position of minority sects was urged by a newly-organized Free Church Federation in a petition sent to the Hungarian government. The petition demanded abolition of the practice of classifying churches as "recognized," "acknowledged," and "tolerated."

Groups sponsoring the petition were Seventh-day Adventists, Baptists, Methodists, Old Catholics, Plymouth Brethren and the Salvation Army. These sects have been classed as "societies" instead of churches and placed under supervision of the Ministry of the Interior rather than the Ministry of Education.

Demands made by the minority sects include complete separation of church and state, and abolition of state subsidies for the Presbyterian, Lutheran, Old Catholic, and other larger denominations.

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A note of appreciation has been received from Mrs. Camille Shirley Tedder expressing the appreciation of the children and grandchildren of Mrs. A. J. Shirley, Sr., of Forest for all the kindnesses to their mother and grandmother during her last illness and to the family after she had passed away.

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MRS. WALLACE M. HOUGH

Mrs. Wallace M. Hough, First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma, will lead the Cradle Roll conferences in our two Sunday School Conventions at the Main Street Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, April 23 and 24, and in the First Baptist Church of Jackson, April 25 and 26. We know that there are many Cradle Roll workers who will want to attend these Conventions for the purpose of hearing her.

February Standards

Schools: West Point First, Rev. Leon Macon, pastor, W. B. Blankinship, superintendent; Pachuta, Rev. J. C. Murphy, pastor, C. D. Rouse, superintendent.

Departments: Cradle Roll, Pine Grove (Pearl River Association), Mrs. Cleve Seal, superintendent; Beginner,

Philadelphia, Mrs. R. V. Taylor; Intermediate, New Albany, Mrs. Varda Smith; Intermediate, Holly Springs, Mrs. W. C. Sandusky; Intermediate, Hollandale, Mrs. Woodson Campbell; Adult, Philadelphia, Mrs. V. C. Moss.

Classes

Junior: Busy Bees, Philadelphia, Jimmy Ashmore; Up Streamers, Philadelphia, Miss Robbie Beall.

Intermediate: Sunshine Scatterers, New Albany, Mrs. James Stroud, teacher; Sons of Truth, New Albany, H. N. Graham; Joyful Servants, New Albany, Mrs. Egbert Martin; Rainbow Girls, New Albany, Mrs. E. C. Caldwell; Goal Reachers, New Albany, A. L. Beavers; Kingdom Seekers, New Albany, Mrs. Lacy Hale; Obedient Servants, Jackson First, Miss Gladys Clement; Conquerors, West Laurel, W. E. Roberts; Owls, Holly Springs, H. E. Crowder; Eagles, Holly Springs, Dr. W. C. Sandusky; Builders, Louisville, Mrs. George R. Ivy; Golden Rule, Louisville, Mrs. M. L. Kerr; Pure Gold, Louisville, Mrs. H. C. Coggin.

Young People: Hold That Line, Philadelphia, W. H. Jones; Forward March, Philadelphia, Mrs. A. B. McCraw.

Adult: Angler's, Philadelphia, R. T. Taylor; Reapers, Philadelphia, Mrs. O. R. Beery; Leila Rhodes, Ackerman, Mrs. H. L. Rhodes; Brotherhood, Philadelphia, Luther Ashmore; Fidelis, Clinton, Miss Addie Mae Stevens; Kinzeleian, Hazlehurst, Miss Annette Corkern.

We are certainly grateful to the leaders of all these units on this very excellent work of reaching the standard. It is an evidence of good leadership and loyal cooperation.

Baptist Distinctives

A new book, BAPTIST DISTINCTIVES, by Dr. W. R. White, will be ready for the April Sunday school training courses. Diploma credit will be given for it where desired during 1946. As an inducement to get this book taught, Dr. Holcomb has agreed to give a free copy to each pastor who will teach it in his church. Therefore, we hope many churches will do this.



MR. J. P. EDMUNDS

Mr. J. P. Edmunds, of the Baptist Sunday School Board, will direct the conferences on Sunday School Administration and Associational Sunday School work at the two Sunday School Conventions in Hattiesburg and Jackson, April 23-26. We are glad he is coming our way again.



REV. JACK J. CRANFORD

RALEIGH CHURCH ADOPTS FULL TIME PROGRAM

Raleigh Baptist Church, of Raleigh, Miss., for many years a half-time church, voted unanimously on February 24, to go to full-time effective March 1. The Pastor, Rev. Jack J. Cranford, Jr., came to us last August from Bowmar Avenue Baptist Church Vicksburg. Under his leadership the church is taking rapid strides in all lines of work. Attendance has greatly increased and offerings have almost tripled. The average attendance at Sunday School has grown from 40 to 150. The men's Bible class, recently organized, has an enrollment of 61. The church also has one of the largest W. M. U. organizations in its history.

The church building, erected more than 20 years ago, is proving inadequate for the accommodation of the increased attendance and activity and a spacious annex is now being planned. In addition to these forward steps a pastor's home has been purchased and the church re-roofed—all of which are paid for in cash.

The church has no debt and the Pastor and congregation are looking forward to a day of great things.

By Mrs. J. R. Lawson, Reporter.

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Harrisburg Reports 1945 Best Year Yet

By MRS. N. B. GILLIAM,
Church Reporter

Under the leadership of Rev. Winfred Moore, Harrisburg church, Tupelo, completed the year 1945 with gratifying results. The past year was the best year the church has ever known. Eighty-eight new members were received into the church, and \$18,677 in offerings. At the close of 1945 the church had on hand in the building fund \$10,907, and \$3,000 in bands.

Rev. and Mrs. Moore have served the field since August 1944, and have made many friends. Mrs. Moore, a talented musician, has led in the development of the music department. It is expected that 1946 will be a banner year for Harrisburg church.

What You May Do For Victory in the Mississippi College Enlargement Campaign.

1. Pray about it.
2. Do right about it.
3. Lead your association in accepting its quota.
4. Lead the churches to accept honorable goals within the association quota.
5. Vote monies out of your reserve for this purpose.
6. Lead your church in putting a good amount in your 1946 church budget for this purpose.
7. Plan for a great March church envelope offering.
8. Report to the office of the General director action taken on association quotas, church budgets and monies voted out of reserve funds.
9. Send all monies on hand not later than the end of each month through the Convention Board office. Properly label each item in each remittance.
10. Help your neighbor to do right in this matter!

This Will Help Speed Victory

Office of General Director
Baptist Building — Jackson, Miss.

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March 31 Will Be Observed As Home And Foreign Mission Day

J. E. DILLARD

No thoughtful Southern Baptist pastor, no wide-awake Sunday School superintendent will fail to observe Home and Foreign Mission Day, March 31.

A timely, thought-provoking, heart-moving program has been prepared and mailed to Sunday School superintendents. This program was prepared by Joe W. Burton, and is entitled, "Southern Baptists and World Needs." It is also printed in The Sunday School Builder (March, 10c) and in The Quarterly Review (First Quarter, 25c). Order offering envelopes, stating number needed, from Committee on Denominational Calendar, 161 Eighth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee.

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Harrison Conducts School Of Music

A five-night school of music was recently held at Magee's Creek Church by the Music Secretary Luther A. Harrison. Classes were held in eight schools and it is estimated that 1250 people were contacted during these days. Many denominations were represented.

The people in the Magee's Creek area are indebted to Secretary Harrison and to Mississippi Baptists for the opportunity of such a music program.

The efforts of Brother Harrison during those days are beginning to materialize with quartettes and choruses being organized. The Church is also having a varied song service that includes special services.

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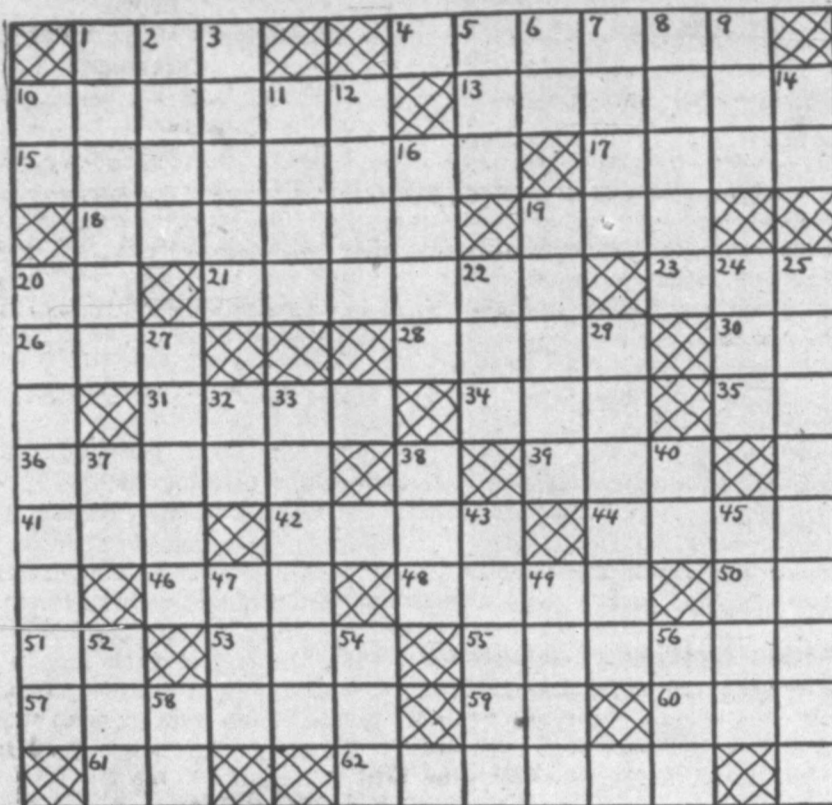
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OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE



"There be the words which Moses spake unto all Israel on this side Jordan in the wilderness."—Deut. 1:1.
(Correct Answers On Page 15)

ACROSS

- 1 "Be strong . . . of good courage"
4 "And Joshua called for all . . ."
10 Jericho fell on the seventh day that Joshua's men marched . . . it.
13 "I will . . . a place for my people."
15 Glassy
17 "and the cruel venom of . . ."
18 "put away the gods which your fathers . . ."
19 "And . . . people said unto Joshua"
20 A treble note
21 Charge with gas
25 Pouch
26 Being
28 "Then shall the lame man . . . as an hart"
30 "he will turn and . . . you hurt"
31 "Now therefore fear the . . ."
34 "do according to . . . the law"
35 "remain in the land which Moses gave you . . . this side Jordan"
36 "Let us make man in our . . ."
39 "as the waters cover the . . ."
41 Weapon
42 "chant to the sound of the . . ."
44 Father (Arabic) . . . Ben Adhem
46 "And Joshua said unto . . . people."
48 "is of few . . . and full of trouble."
50 Brother of Odin; half of five
51 Rover of Siberia
53 Masculine name
55 Compared with other men Moses was this Num. 12:3
57 "and his face was . . . throughout all the country"
61 "out . . . the land of Egypt."
62 "The Son of Num"
Our Text from Joshua is 1, 4, 18, 19, 31, 34, 46, 48, 61, and 62 combined.

DOWN

- 1 Presented itself
2 "and . . . it in a book"
3 Indian Millet
5 Distress signal
6 Means of transportation
7 Wife of Lamech and mother of Jabal and Jubal Gen. 4:19
8 Alleviates
9 Part of the face
10 King James Bible
11 Field of granular snow
12 "art not a . . . of the law"
14 Canadian Province
16 Land held in fee simple
19 Ducks
20 "Pure . . . and undefiled before God and the Father is this"
22 Shrub
24 "Why make ye this . . ."
25 Joshua's army . . . Jericho
27 Slope
29 "those things that . . . him"
32 All the kingdom of . . . in Bashan"
33 Adore
37 Greek letter
38 Land to which Cain went
40 Jewish month.
43 "which took their . . . and went forth to meet the bridegroom"
45 "which is to day in the field, and to morrow is cast into the . . ."
47 "every man into . . . inheritance"
49 Dial. Eng. variant of "earth"
52 Low
54 Staff officer
56 Native tree of Hawaii
58 "And . . . it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord"
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LUMBERTON MEN'S CLASS HOLDS BANQUET

The Men's Bible Class at the Lumberton church, Paul Cranford, pastor, enjoyed a banquet on March 1. Due to the large crowd, the event was staged in the high school gymnasium instead of the church recreation hall. There were 85 men present.

Rev. David Cranford of Charleston was the speaker of the evening, and the men enjoyed the message. This is one of the most wide-awake groups in this section, and the influence of the class is felt for good in the community. Average attendance during the winter has been about 73, with a high mark of 97.

The fine leadership in the class and the earnest efforts of the men have been crowned with blessings of God. The men get the Baptist Record each week, through the Every Family plan, and they read it.

100 Churches Leading In Gifts To The Cooperative Program Workers Together

The Co-operative Program is the greatest channel we have for proportionately distributing our tithes and offerings to all the causes of Christ beyond the local church. Mississippi Baptist churches are growing in the spirit of co-operation. We give below a significant list of 100 churches leading in gifts to the Co-operative Program for the year 1945:

GROUP No. 1

1—Jackson, Calvary	\$23,558.29
2—Jackson, First	15,015.00
3—Laurel, First	14,845.80
4—Brookhaven, First	13,608.72
5—Vicksburg, First	12,130.75
6—Meridian, First	12,089.25
7—Tupelo, Calvary	11,180.69
8—Pascagoula, First	10,865.29
9—McComb, First	10,520.19
10—Hattiesburg, First	9,675.02
11—Hattiesburg, Main St.	8,783.31
12—Meridian, Highland	8,353.98
13—Picayune, First	8,120.59
14—Columbus, First	8,050.21
15—New Albany	7,334.31
16—Grenada, First	6,945.08
17—Crystal Springs	6,090.98
18—Greenwood, First	5,843.60
19—Prentiss	5,161.23
20—Meridian, 15th Ave.	4,929.62
21—Clinton	4,724.20
22—Jackson, Griffith	4,672.24
23—Canton, First	4,646.25
24—Belzoni	4,400.56
25—Leland	4,168.42

GROUP No. 2

1—West Point, First	\$4,142.70
2—Quitman	3,754.00
3—Louisville, First	3,667.60
4—Hattiesburg, 5th Ave.	3,600.00
5—Pontotoc	3,414.00
6—Clarksdale	3,294.46
7—Jackson, Parkway	3,153.38
8—Aberdeen	3,126.07
9—Laurel, West	3,077.86
10—Holly Springs— (Marshall)	3,068.18
11—Starkville, First	2,829.06
12—Vicksburg, Bowmar Ave.	2,667.43
13—Kosciusko, First	2,650.00
14—Meridian, 41st Ave.	2,607.10
15—Indianola	2,522.30
16—Tylertown	2,520.18
17—Columbia, First	2,493.89
18—Lowrey Memorial	2,454.99
19—Water Valley	2,427.32
20—Drew	2,426.39
21—McComb, East	2,400.00
22—Hazlehurst	2,333.34
23—Philadelphia, 1st	2,332.78
24—McComb, Central	2,299.26
25—Corinth, First	2,292.33

GROUP No. 3

1—Meridian, Poplar Spgs.	\$2,244.23
2—Ellisville	2,174.80
3—Baldwyn	2,160.51
4—Pascagoula, Watts Memorial	2,100.00
5—Magnolia	2,035.33
6—Yazoo City	2,029.41
7—Collins	1,990.85
8—Utica	1,953.36
9—Ripley	1,950.00
10—Gulfport, First	1,927.18
11—Newton	1,903.36
12—Magee	1,859.82
13—Van Winkle	1,794.00
14—Salem, (Covington)	1,742.49
15—Durant	1,741.19
16—Greenville, First	1,725.00
17—Monticello	1,716.80
18—Liberty (Mississippi)	1,640.00
19—Rolling Fork	1,625.00
20—Tupelo, Harrisburg	1,575.53
21—Cleveland	1,575.00

22—Calhoun City	1,566.82
23—Amory	1,471.37
24—Wiggins	1,437.63
25—Charleston	1,428.41

GROUP No. 4

1—Winona	\$1,370.60
2—Taylorville (Smith)	1,350.00
3—Jackson, Northside	1,331.66
4—Lyon	1,327.60
5—Moss Point East	1,325.00
6—Sardis (Panola)	1,323.15
7—Meridian Eighth Ave.	1,316.60
8—Poplarville, First	1,303.00
9—Ashland	1,300.00
10—Glendale	1,297.93
11—Senatobia	1,289.76
12—Improve (Marion)	1,278.25
13—Laurel, Second Ave.	1,270.00
14—State Line (Wayne)	1,254.28
15—Galilee, Gloster (Miss)	1,227.45
16—Bunker Hill	1,200.00
Bunker Hill— Moss Point, First	1,200.00
17—Oak Grove (Lauderdale)	1,189.20
18—Waynesboro, First	1,180.00
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"President Truman's order opening the doors for shipping relief goods to Germany through the American agencies and CRALOG, represents a triumph of the Christian over the Nazi viewpoint," said Dr. Leslie B. Moss, executive director of the Church Committee on Overseas Relief and Reconstruction, 297 Fourth Avenue, which coordinates overseas relief activities of all major Protestant denominations in the United States.

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A FAVORITE SERMON



By REV. R. H. DANIELS, Pastor
Bethlehem Church, Jones County
Romans 14:14 "For sin shall not have dominion over you: for you are not under the law, but under grace."

The practical power of the Resurrection. Here, the apostle enlarges still more fully upon the truth that a Christian's faith leads not merely to pardon of sin, but also to deliverance from its power. Because grace has abounded over sin, and our unrighteousness has commended the righteousness of God, it does not therefore follow that we are to continue in sin. If we have a real union with Christ, we have been baptized unto his death; "that like as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the father, even so we also should walk in newness of life" (verse 4).

1. The Fact of the Resurrection. That the resurrection of Christ is surrounded with mystery, no one will deny. But the evidence by which the great central fact itself is established is so strong, so clear, so decisive, that even scepticism has sometimes to admit itself convinced. The effect of the most able and adverse criticism has only been to establish more and more certainly the fact of the Resurrection, and thus to conform more strongly the Christian's faith. It is remarkable that two of the greatest rationalists of the present century, who doubted almost every fact of the New

Testament history, admitted that the Resurrection was a fact which they could not doubt. Ewald, who deals destructively with most of the gospel incidents, "regarding some as mythical, some as admitting of a rationalistic interpretation, and some as combining the elements of both," is unable to destroy or explain away the Resurrection. "Rejecting all attempts to explain it, he accepts the great fact of the Resurrection on the evidence of history, and declares that nothing can be more historical."

The testimony of De Wette is even more remarkable. He was more sceptical than Ewald: so much so that he was called "Universal Doubter." Nevertheless, such is the force of the evidence, that this great rationalistic critic, in his last work, published in 1848, said that the fact of the Resurrection, although a darkness which cannot be dissipated rests on the way and manner of it, cannot itself be called in question any more than the historical certainty of the assassination of Julius Caesar.

(1) The fact of the Resurrection is attested by four evangelists. The four gospels were written by men widely separated both in time and place. They give varying accounts of the Resurrection, as would naturally be expected from men whom so great an event impressed in different ways, but you see they all agree in testifying that the event occurred.

(2) The narrative of the Resurrection was accepted by the early Christians, who lived at the time when the event took place. It is spoken of constantly in the Epistles to the various churches as an event with which they were all familiar, and about which there was not the slightest doubt. When Peter is proposing the appointment of a successor to Judas, he speaks of the Resurrection as one of the great subjects of apostolic preaching. Indeed it would appear that he regarded the preaching of the Resurrection as the great subject for which the apostle should be chosen. His words were "wherefore of these men who have accompanied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out amongst us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection."

(3) The conversion of St. Paul, and his subsequent advocacy of the doctrine of the Resurrection, are perhaps the strongest proofs of its truth. Paul was a persecutor and a bigoted Pharisee. He suddenly became a member of the sect that so hated and despised. The explanation that he himself gave of this change was that Jesus Christ had appeared unto him. It was not likely that Paul, a clear-headed man, accustomed to weigh evidence, would be deceived as to Christ's appearance. He could not be lightly led to take a step of such immense importance to his whole life. Something more than a mere dream or hallucination must be found to account for his whole subsequent career. He was not likely to undertake those missionary journeys through Asia Minor, through Macedonia, and through Greece, and to persevere in them, in the face of much opposition, ridicule, persecution, and many hardships and other dangers, for the sake of a mere fancy. He was not a mere visionary or fanatic. His Epistles show him to be a man of robust mind, great reasoning power, and soberness of judgment. And yet, in every instance in which a public speech of his is recorded in the Acts of the Apostles: in his address at Antioch in Pisidia, in his address at Athens, in his address to the multitude when he was taken prisoner at Jerusalem; whether he is in the presence of the high priest, of Felix, or of Festus and

CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

REV. LEON V. YOUNG,
Clinton, Miss.

E. K. Shepherd, First, Wilson, Texas from Fairfield.

Thomas E. Jackson, Ridgecrest, Texas from Chaplaincy.

Jesse Bolin, Morse, Texas from Bellevue.

J. B. Hester, Lakeside Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., from Rackdale.

James Robinson, Sheffield, Texas from Blue Jacket, Okla.

Cullen Hawkins, Sugarland, Texas.

L. H. Dawson, Appalachia, Virginia from Chaplaincy.

Leory Raley, Pawhuska, Okla., from Chaplaincy.

Karl H. Moore, First, Ardmore, Okla., from Chaplaincy.

H. D. Stephens, Crowell Heights, Tulsa, Okla., from Chaplaincy.

John J. Stratton, First, Alva, Okla., from Chaplaincy.

Henry Wall, First, Stillwell, Okla., from Chaplaincy.

Frank Webb, First, Hennessy, Okla., from Chaplaincy.

Roy L. Reynolds, Dixieland Church, Lakeland, Florida.

T. Ryland Sanford, Resigned, Ashland, Va.

L. A. Rawls, Euclid Avenue, Jacksonville, Fla., from Boston, Ga.

Carl Rogers, Northside, Chattanooga, Tenn., from Chaplaincy.

Lewis A. Meyers, Editor, Word and Way, of Missouri, from Chaplaincy.

William C. Summar, First, Selmer, Tenn.

L. S. Sedberry, Lockland, Nashville, Tenn., from Murfreesboro.

P. F. McGuire, Bessemer, Alabama.

Arthur H. Stainback, Wadsworth Avenue, New York from Georgetown, Ky.

Agrippa, he most distinctly proclaims the fact of the resurrection of Christ.

2. The Doctrines Which It Teaches.

(1) That there should be a general resurrection of the dead. "Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that Man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto men, in that he raised him from the dead." Acts 17:31.

(2) That those who believe on the Lord Jesus shall live with him. "I am the Resurrection, and the Life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead yet shall he live" (John 11:25). And here the apostle says, "Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him" (verse 8). Christ has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. He has satisfied the yearning of the human heart for a life beyond the present, a yearning so strong that one of the greatest thinkers of our own time, though the logical conclusion of his system is universal death, nevertheless tries to avoid or overcome his dreary prospect by the suggestion that out of this death another life may spring. Yes, it is when the grave is near, it is when our loved ones are suddenly taken from us by death, that we learn what a precious truth the resurrection of Jesus is to rest on. "That like as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we should walk in newness of life."

(3) "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof" (verse 12).

"If ye be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth at the right hand of God" (Col. 3:1). Thus the risen life of Christ enters into and becomes part of the present life of his people. Thus their life enters into and becomes part of his. "Our life is hid with Christ in God."



Answer to Crossword Puzzle on Page 14

Hattiesburg: The Sunday School of Main Street Church for two consecutive Sundays has gone above the 600 mark. This is a high mark in the history of the church. The average attendance for the first two months in 1946 was 552; for the same period in 1945 the average attendance was 424. Superintendent Mayo is urging 700 for next Sunday. Director Fillingane of the Training Union reports 206 on March 3 and a goal of 250 for this organization.



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DERBY CHURCH IN NUMBER 805

A recent addition to the growing list of EVERY FAMILY Churches is Derby Church, Pearl River County. Rev. C. B. Saucier is pastor. The EVERY FAMILY list was sent in by R. G. Gipson, treasurer.

Pearl River County Record readers are now listed as follows:

OLIVE BRANCH 8, ROSALIND PARK 1, BETHEL, 55, CARRIER 8, GAINESVILLE 11, GOODYEAR 62, JUNIPER GROVE 62, NAPOLEON 30, DERBY 29, NEW PALESTINE 21, NICHOLSON 49, PICAYUNE, FIRST 231, PINE GROVE 68, POPLARVILLE FIRST 153, McNEIL 2, HENLEYFIELD 32, ZION MILL 14, WHITE SAND 12.

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DURANT ORDAINS DEACONS

Charlie Ray and Marcus Rodgers were ordained as deacons by the First church, Durant on Wednesday evening March 6.

Dr. J. D. Franks, former pastor, uncle of Mr. Rodgers and now pastor of First Church Columbus, preached the ordination sermon. The writer never heard a better one. Rev. J. H. Street, State Brotherhood Secretary made an interesting and helpful charge to the deacons. A. L. Goodrich, Baptist Record Editor gave the charge to the church. W. G. Mize, superintendent of the Baptist Orphanage and brother-in-law of Charlie Ray led the ordaining prayer.

In spite of the rain, the church was well-filled with members and friends. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers.

Holmes county is now a Baptist Record stronghold with subscribers listed as follows: CENTRAL, CRUGER, 23, DURANT 129, EMORY 10, EBENEZER 1, GOODMAN 34, HORSESHOE 18, LEXINGTON 108, PICKENS 48, PLEASANT RIDGE 35, TCHULA 43, WEST 29, MT. PLEASANT 48, HARMON'S CREEK 1.

MT. HOREB IS NUMBER 805

Recently County Missionary Martin J. Gilbert spoke at Mt. Horeb church, Lauderdale county. Concerning the meeting Missionary Gilbert writes: "The EVERY FAMILY Plan and the Enlargement Campaign were explained." The EVERY FAMILY list has already been received and Pastor Ed Grayson and his people are going to do more for "Informed Baptists Are Better Baptists."

Lauderdale county Record readers are now listed as follows: Mt. Olive 15, BETHANY 32, Collinsville 15, Daleville 8, FELLOWSHIP 23, Goodwater 12, HICKORY GROVE 19, Hickory Ridge 9, HIGHLAND 352, Hopewell 1, KEWANEE 21, Lauderdale 13, LIBERTY 17, Macedonia 6, MARION 25, Meehan 11, Midway 7, FIFTEENTH AVENUE 358, MERIDIAN FIRST 496, CAUSEYVILLE 44, ARKADAPHA 33, EIGHTH AVENUE 75, FORTY-FIRST AVENUE 257, MT. GILEAD 36, Mt. Nebo 12, NEW HOPE 37, OAK GROVE 57, PINE GROVE 60, POPLAR SPRINGS 116, RUSSELL 41, SOUTHSIDE 161, TOOMSUBA 29, Union 1,

3. We are proud of Mississippi College because of its president, Dr. D. M. Nelson. Dr. Nelson is a cultured, Christian gentleman of the first order. He is a man of sterling character and unusual ability. Dr. Nelson is a great teacher. Dr. Willis Cotton, one of our leading specialists in McComb City, said to me recently: "Of all the teachers under whom I have studied, I believe that Dr. D. M. Nelson is the ablest and best."

Dr. Nelson is a great executive. He became president of Mississippi College June 2, 1932, right in the midst of the great depression—the Depression that tried men's souls. I shall never forget my experience during that depression. I was a new pastor of the Ponchatoola Baptist church. In the early days of my ministry there, I recall that the first letter which I received from any person outside the membership of the church was a letter from the Southern Homestead Association informing me that if the church did not pay the \$11,000 indebtedness upon the church building immediately, that they would foreclose at once. This letter greatly disturbed me. I went to see Mr. B. W. Richardson, the chairman of the board of deacons, and asked him what he thought we had better do. He suggested that we call the deacons together and consider the matter. We did and the problem was considered from every angle. After some discussion, I asked what we should do about it, pay the debt or give them the building. Brother Richardson arose and said: "Preacher, if this was my personal debt, I am afraid that I would be unable to pay it, but inasmuch as it is a debt upon the church building, I believe that we can pay it, and the Lord will help us." We voted to pay the debt, and did.

Where was Dr. Nelson during that time? He was the new president of Mississippi College. The College was in bad condition financially. There was a debt of \$491,000 and the creditors were pressing in on every side. There was no money with which to pay the salaries of the faculty of the school. The members of the faculty found it necessary to give notes to their grocers, dry goods merchants, and dairymen to tide them over. There was Dr. Nelson with his back to the wall, fighting with all of his might to save the life of our greatest Baptist college. Thank the Lord, he and those that labored with him won the victory. During Dr. Nelson's administration, the \$491,000 indebtedness has been paid. \$150,000 has been added to the college endowment and the college today faces a very bright future.

Coach S. L. Roberson is back on the campus with a well-rounded program of physical education for every student. A large program of inter-collegiate athletics will begin right away and every department of the college is launching forth. We have a right to be proud of Mississippi College because of its president. I can find nothing in my heart but praise and commendation for a man that God is using as He is using Dr. D. M. Nelson.

—Fred B. Bookter, McComb.

Your League Reports

We express appreciation of the response of the people to appeals made from many sources that legislators be contacted and urged to repeal the black market law. A hard fight was made in both House and Senate to repeal the law. For a full story of the effort to repeal write for our Bulletin, just off the press.

THE LAW SHOULD HAVE BEEN REPEALED. Federal records show a sharp increase in number of liquor stamps sold. Records show, as of March 6, 1942 retail, and 28 wholesale an INCREASE OF 70 RETAIL AND 4 WHOLESALE IN ONE MONTH.

We have suggested to leaders in both House and Senate that repeal of the Law be submitted to the people in an election to be held on the general election day, and thus give the people an opportunity to decide whether or not they want a Black Market Law.

THE CLINTON CONFERENCE

It was a spiritual feast to hear the great messages of Dr. Johnson, Dr. Lee, and Dr. Bassett, great preachers they are. We happen to know that Dr. Lee and Dr. Johnson are hard fighters against sin. It is reported that Dr. Lee's church will not allow one to hold any official position who drinks, or who is given to dancing, or a confirmed movie goer. Dr. Johnson has been for a number of years a member of the Executive Committee of the Anti-Saloon League of Missouri. In fact, all outstanding leaders of the Anti-Saloon League are noted leaders in the church. Bishop Ralph S. Cushman (Methodist) who has written a widely known and deeply spiritual book of Devotions (advertised by and on sale in our own Baptist Book Store)

Providence 15, HEBRON 38, New Zion 16, SALEM 35, MT. HOREB 37, Pleasant Hill 1, Long Creek 9.

BELHAVEN BSU OBSERVES EVANGELISTIC WEEK

Student Evangelistic Week, observed by Belhaven B. S. U., February 10-15, was devoted to the studying of personal soul-winning and the lives of great evangelists.

A B. T. U., a program was used to explain Student Evangelistic Week and its purpose, and daily talks were given at Noon-Day Prayer Meeting by Belhaven students.

During this week two projects were planned—to make evangelistic visits to the children of the Blind Institute and to distribute cards with personal salvation messages on breakfast trays at Charity Hospital.

The committee who made the plans for the week were: Katherine Brown, Memphis, Tenn., chairman; Mary Anne Martin, Brandon; Jean Dossett, Mt. Olive; and Rosa Lee James, Jackson.

Eleanor Hallowell of Eden, is B.S.U. president and Miss Dorothy McCoy is faculty advisor.

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County Missionary, Rev. R. B. Patterson gets a good start: A new B.Y.-P.U. was organized at Spring Hill Church (Springville) in Pontotoc county on Sunday, March 3. Rev. J. W. Henry is pastor. Buck Gilmer was elected president. The work in Pontotoc and Calhoun starts off well.—R. B. Patterson.

of a story: A Negro boy was injured in a trolley accident. A shy lawyer ran up and said, "Now Boy, be still, Don't move. You are hurt, and we can get damages for you." The boy groaned, and said, "Boss, I sho' doan' need no mo' damages. What I needs is repairs."

THE FUTURE

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